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Hong Kong, April 6, 1950.

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S. A. SLEAP,  
Secretary.

Hong Kong, April 1, 1950.

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## JANUARY

(December 21—January 19) A change for the better in financial situation due first half of week. Little to worry about from the business angle, but keep a close watch on documents, new contracts, employees. Some danger of being let down by hitherto trusted associate.

## FEBRUARY

(January 20—February 18) New schemes may be held up by lack of cash in next few days. But it would be worthwhile going ahead with arrangements and trusting to luck that something will turn up before the end of the month. Towards the week-end, news of great importance from abroad.

## MARCH

(February 19—March 20) Venus and Jupiter enter your Sun-Sign this week; a portent of easier times and increased popularity. Meanwhile, be a little careful what associations you form and what commitments you make over the next eight or nine months. Aim at building up both business and personal goodwill.

## APRIL

(March 21—April 19) Though you may feel that good things are in the offing, it would be difficult to take advantage of them just now. Economy and caution would be worthwhile in all business matters and more discretion than usual in personal link-ups. Attend to important details and messages yourself.

## MAY

(April 21—May 20) All's well financially. Speculative luck or windfalls due on Wednesday or Thursday. But worry materialises over an old

## WHAT THE STARS FORETELL

By R.H. Naylor

friend or dependant member of the family. A good week for entertaining and for social life generally.

## JUNE

(May 21—June 19) Your prestige stands high in next few days and there are prospects of more money and greater comfort. But underlying worry may persist about a relative or some promise made months ago. Don't take on fresh responsibilities particularly if they involve property.

## JULY

(June 21—July 19) Travel plans and overseas news take the stage this week. A tempting offer to go abroad may be opposed by those at home. Rush or work likely end of week, but you cope successfully.

## AUGUST

(July 21—August 19) Money comes in steadily throughout the week, but you bind long-standing commitments a drain. Family and property overheads are likely to be heavy this week. Easy to get good publicity, make desired changes in routine about Tuesday.

## SEPTEMBER

(August 22—September 22) Alternate pleasure in new link-ups and worry about older people bring this an up and down week. If married, marriage partner's affairs take a fortunate turn; if single, marriage plans may near completion. But anything to do with parents or elders breeds trouble.

## OCTOBER

(September 23—October 23) Prospects of a better job in the next few days or of some link-up that promises more money. If parents or older people are critical, don't attempt to argue. Compromises will be of more avail than clashes this week.

## NOVEMBER

(October 24—November 22) Good times ahead this week and some likelihood of "gambler's luck," but troubles connected with brothers, sisters or old friends likely to persist. Provided you don't touch property matters, it is good business week.

## DECEMBER

(November 23—December 20) Relatives prove generous and helpful in next few days and may help you to solve one of your immediate problems. In business somewhat critical period though condition should be daily easier. Finances improve towards end of week.

## SUNDAY, APRIL 9:

FOR MOST OF US: Stay-at-homes have the best of today's stars. If you must be on the move, allow for missed connections unforeseen difficulties. FOR LUCK TODAY WEAR OR USE: Reddish Yellow, 8, Sapphire.

## BIRTHDAY FORECAST:

Provided you are content to stay in your present environment and to make the most of the job you hold at present, this should prove a progressive and happy year. If you are bent upon changes or travel, expect a little trouble and some health problems.

In any event, it might be as well to take a little extra care of health. Guard against nervous worry and get out of doors as much as you can. If you are interested in sport, opportunities to indulge your taste in that direction will be plentiful this year.

You seem likely to benefit through legacies or through family associations throughout 1950-51. You need not worry about income this year, but be a little more careful than usual about how you invest your money or what you spend. Impenitent friends will do their best to keep you poor.

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**In this weekly series of articles, one of the world's foremost experts in predicting the future gives his opinions on what you personally can expect in the weeks and months to come.**

**Look for your birth period below and find the general indications for the week. Note that these observations are made according to the Zodiacal Signs and do not exactly coincide with the Calendar Month. For example, January covers December 21-January 19.**

**Better not move house. Concentrate instead on improving your present abode or garden. It is a good year for buying property and for any scheme in which older people are closely involved.**

**Indeed, family relationships will be a source of comfort to you throughout the year. A link-up with an older male relative will be very helpful in 1950. If married, the re-appearance of an old sweetheart may turn your thoughts to marriage in September.**

## MONDAY, APRIL 10:

**FOR MOST OF US: Happy beginning to the working week; plans go through without hindrance this morning. A good day for travel, entertaining. FOR LUCK TODAY WEAR OR USE: Pastel Shades, 6, Turquoise.**

## BIRTHDAY FORECAST:

**Don't expect sensational "luck" or dramatic setbacks in 1950-51. This next year of life will pass pleasantly enough but without many striking adventures or changes. If you are bent on re-shuffles you will have to exert a great deal of effort to bring them about.**

**Your regular income seems to be unchanged throughout the year, though there may be additional expenses connected with youngsters or dependants. It will not be advisable to travel far in the coming 12 months. Better take your holidays near home.**

**If you are an employer keep a sharp watch on young people who may work for you and be on your guard against petty theft. If employed, you are likely to find new fellow-workers uncongenial, but it is not likely that you would be driven into taking a fresh job.**

**Socially it should be an interesting year particularly if you have much to do with women and their interests. But watch what you spend on entertainments and social life and don't try to keep up with more prosperous friends.**

**Some worry through children or younger people is likely more than once this year. But on the whole life should be peaceful. There are no signs of important changes in your family affairs or, if single, of marriage. If already settled, better watch for a tendency toicker towards the end of 1950, and take measures to counteract it.**

**TUESDAY, APRIL 11:**  
**FOR MOST OF US: Good for anything that needs imagination and originality. Propitious too for outdoor life and for travel. FOR LUCK TODAY WEAR OR USE: Violet Blue, 7, Opal.**

**BIRTHDAY FORECAST:**  
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**This year will be notable for a friendship with someone of striking personality. This particular association will change your point of view on many subjects, and in a year or two is likely to affect your business or profession. If still single, it is a good year for getting married, and the shorter the time you have known your future partner, the better your chances of happiness.**

## THURSDAY, APRIL 13:

**FOR MOST OF US: If you take life easily you will find that you have made the progress you desired. If you fuss over details or rebel against authority, hold-ups are likely this afternoon. FOR LUCK TODAY WEAR OR USE: Pastel Shades, 6, Turquoise.**

## BIRTHDAY FORECAST:

**Don't expect the stars to shower outstanding benefits upon you in 1950-51. On the other hand, they are not likely to hold up your progress to any appreciable extent. Provided you are not in a hurry to get results, you should enjoy yourself, make steady headway this year.**

## SATURDAY, APRIL 15:

**FOR MOST OF US: Nothing is likely to turn out as you expected, so better not arrange important interviews or deals. Best policy would be to take life as it comes. FOR LUCK TODAY WEAR OR USE: Soft Grey, 6 Onyx.**

## BIRTHDAY FORECAST:

**It will be useless to pretend that the coming year is likely to be an "easy one." Throughout 1950-51 you appear to be restless and uncertain about the future. Although there may be little basis for your anxiety, it will be difficult to settle down into a comfortable routine.**

**Don't make changes unless you know what you are doing and unless you are quite sure that they are for the best. Certain reshuffles may become necessary in June or July whether you have planned for them or not. Again in early October there may be some necessity for change.**

**Financially it should be a fairly fortunate year and towards your next birthday you may benefit through legacies or family help. But it will be difficult for you to feel at all secure in the coming twelve months; conditions in your neighbourhood and in your line of work appear to be unsettled throughout the year.**

**Don't travel if you can help it and above all don't go by air. If you are planning to take a new house or settle down, your plans are likely to be frustrated until after Christmas time. After Christmas you will probably get an opportunity to move into a more congenial environment.**

**Old friends will be best this year. You will get a good deal of comfort from a long standing association and from family relationships. But new friends may prove a snare and a delusion, and one of them may do something to start up family discontent. Better not make plans for marriage or, if married, expect the family to do as you would wish this year.**

**FRIDAY, APRIL 14:**  
**FOR MOST OF US: Easy. To take the wrong step or to say the wrong thing this morning; be careful. Safety first should be your policy throughout the day. FOR LUCK TODAY WEAR OR USE: Sky Blue, 6, Light Sapphire.**

**BIRTHDAY FORECAST:**  
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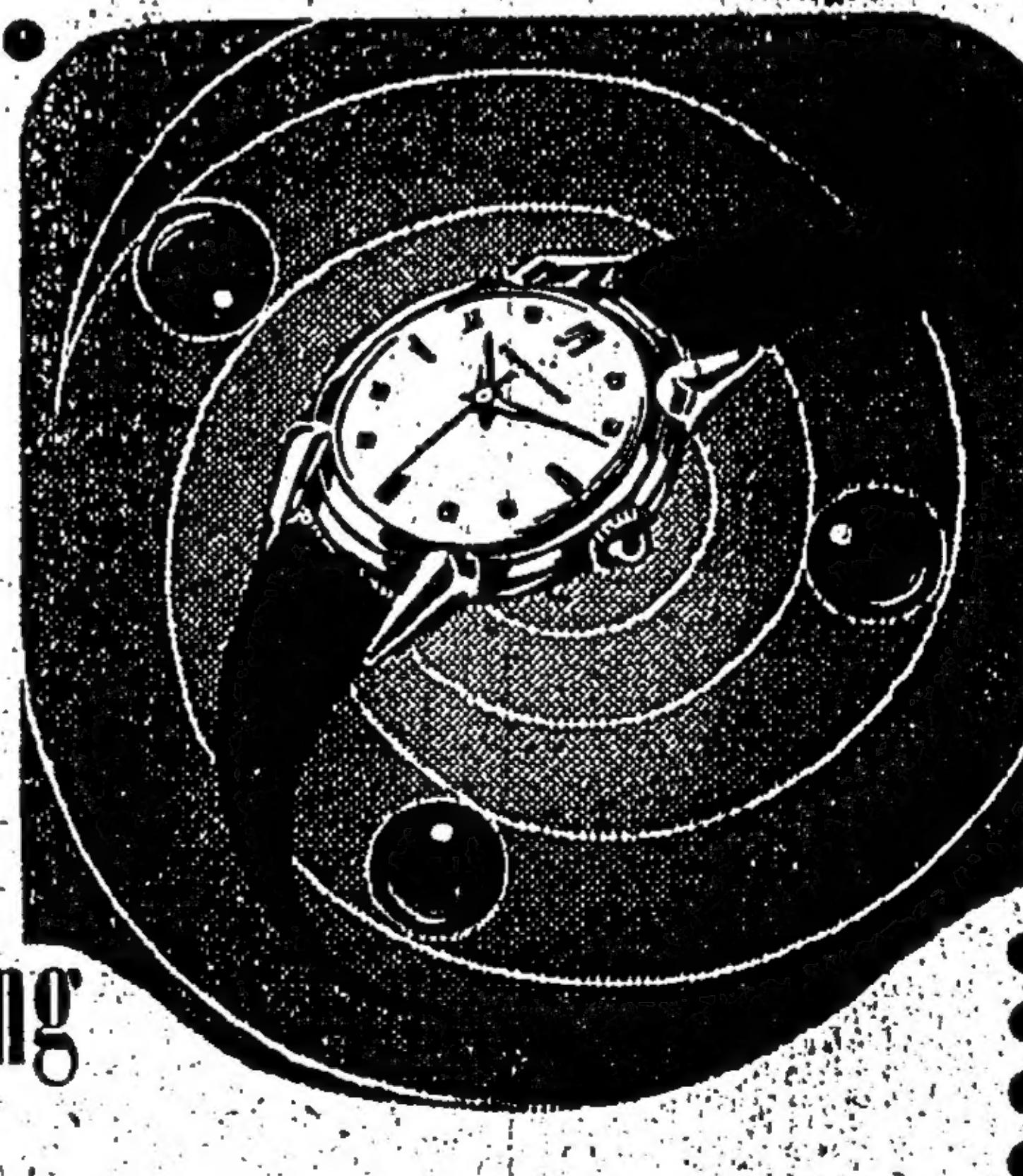
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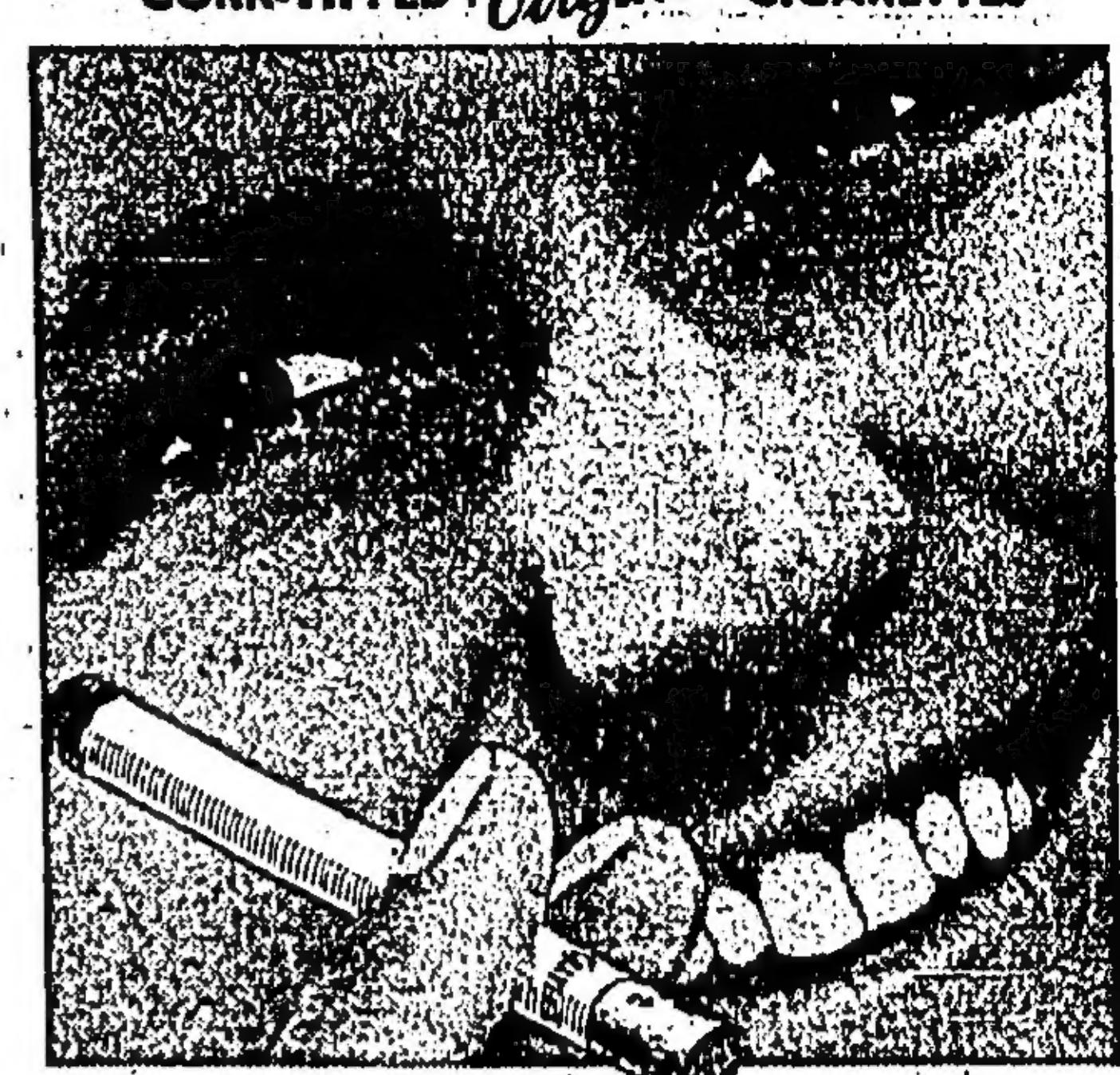
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# TRANSPORT DISASTERS CLAIM 170 EASTER TRAVELLERS

London, April 6.

An estimated 170 Easter travellers died in three major transport disasters on the eve of the holidays, Reuter messages from Spain, Portugal and Brazil reported on Thursday.

The worst of the three was in Brazil, where more than 100 people died in a rail-disaster when a train, full of holiday-makers, plunged over a bridge 120 miles from Rio de Janeiro.

In another train accident near Oviedo, Spain, 19 people were killed and more than 100 were injured when the Madrid-Oviedo express hurtled off the rails.

Near Oporto, a Portuguese river town with an estimated loss of up to 50 lives.

The latest details are given in the following Reuter despatches.

The night train from Rio to Victoria, about 200 miles to the North, plunged into the river Tonga, about half way along the line. More than 100 people were killed and two coaches were still under water, with an unknown number of victims trapped inside.

A bridge near Rio collapsed, preventing a train bringing medical aid from reaching the scene.

The train, owned by the British-controlled Leopoldina Railway, carried many holiday-makers.

Three coaches of the Madrid-Oviedo express left the rails 18 miles out of Oviedo, near Villalba station and rolled down a 381 foot embankment to a road, pinning victims under the wreckage.

Nineteen people were reported to have been killed and the injured were put at more than 100. Ferry boat sinks

By this afternoon 17 bodies had been recovered from a crowded ferry boat which sank in the Douro River, near Oporto, last night with 80 people on board.

The Portuguese police said that only 20 people were known to have been saved, leaving more than 40 unaccounted for, but they thought others might have got ashore and gone straight home.

The ferry was taking city workers home to riverside villages. There were a number of children on board. Panic among the passengers increased the number of casualties.

Reuter's correspondent in Rio de Janeiro reported late tonight that 10 hours after the first reports of the Brazilian disaster the exact death toll remained still unknown. But according to unconfirmed reports more than 40 bodies, including three babies, have already been retrieved from the river.

Rescue workers, hampered by torrential rain, had to work in deep mud because the river had overflowed its banks. One of the submerged coaches was reported to have carried 70 passengers.

Ambulances were standing by at the scene of the disaster this afternoon.

The Secretary to the Civil Governor of Oviedo said tonight that 37 injured were in hospital in Oviedo, three of them in a grave condition.

Many others were treated for minor injuries and then allowed to go home, he added.

## Two Italians

The only foreigners reported to be concerned in the accident were two Italians. They were treated for slight injuries, but their names were not yet known.

The Madrid-Oviedo railway line had not been cleared late tonight. But it was hoped that traffic would be running again tomorrow morning.

The Spanish disaster occurred at 9.35 o'clock this morning, when an axle of one of the coaches broke. The three coaches which rolled down the embankment had many people on board and rescue efforts were continuing.

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Long distance Easter trips in Britain

London, April 7.

Long distance Easter holiday trips seemed to be the fashion in Britain this weekend. From London's Northolt airport,

there were twice as many people flying to the continent or to Scotland and Ireland as last Easter.

At Romelake, disembarkation port for the Britain to Eire car ferry, twice as many cars were expected. British European Airways are running 332 services from London during the week-end and will carry 7,650 passengers.

Long distance trains and coaches were packed. Glasgow, Scotland's biggest city, was a focal point for the travellers, in spite of the smallpox epidemic there, which had killed two and put 19 others to hospital.

Travellers got out today in warm, sunny weather and the Air Ministry was optimistic in its forecasts for the rest of the week-end.

In one way, it was not a traditional Easter. There was over indication that there would be fewer Easter brides than ever before. "In 13 years in one parish, I have never known so few Easter weddings," one clergyman reported.

The reason? There had been a pre-Easter rush of weddings because those who married before the end of Britain's financial year on April 5 were able to claim the return of some of their income-tax payments.

"Most bridegrooms like to go a good tax rebate," an official, at one of London's best known registry offices, said. — Reuter.

## COMMONS QUERY ON SHANGHAI

London, April 6.

Britain's Foreign Under-Secretary, Mr. Ernest Davies, told a House of Commons questioner today that no investigations had been made about the use of Shanghai airfields by Russian anti-aircraft men.

British had not made, and did not propose to make, any protest to the Chinese Communist Government on this point. "This question concerns an airfield in a foreign country, and His Majesty's Government has no responsibility," Mr. Davies added. — Reuter.

The Resurrection — A Cornish Miracle Play Translated and Adapted by Terence Tiller (BBC)

11.00 Radio News Read (London Relay)

11.15 Weather Report, World News (London Relay Recorded)

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12.00 God Save the King.

12.00 Close Down.

Chiddingly, Sussex, April 6.

A Royal Air Force Wellington bomber crashed in a field on the outskirts of this village last night and burst into flames, killing all four members of the crew, the Air Ministry announced today.

Two of the crew jumped before the bomber went out of control, skinned over a clump of trees and crashed into a field.

Farm workers rushed to the wreckage but were forced back by the fierce heat. — Reuter.

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7.55 "Hong Kong Calling" — Programme Summary.

8.00 World News (London Relay)

8.10 Sports (Golf) (From the Studio)

8.12 "Morning Melody" — The London Promenade Orchestra, with Lois Dulce (Soprano) and John McHugh (Tenor).

8.20 "Ravie and Landauer" (Piano Duets).

8.35 "Easter Carols" — The BBC Singers.

— Maurice Vinden (Organ) Conducted by Leslie Woodgate.

8.45 "Light Symphony Orchestra" — Ensemble from the Messiah (Handel).

10.40 "Albert Bandier and His Orch."

10.45 "Relay of the Easter Sunday Service" from St. John's Cathedral.

11.45 "Organ Recital" by Dr. G. D. Cunningham.

P.M.

12.00 "Sports Time" — By Bill Phillips (Studio).

12.30 "Hong Kong Calling" — Programme Summary.

12.32 "Songs and Music from 'The Easter Parade'" (Irving Berlin).

12.50 "Carmen" (Cavalleri (Piano) and His Orchestra).

1.15 "News, Weather Report and Announcements.

1.25 "Interlude".

1.30 "Morning Concert" —

2.00 "Song 'It's From Here'" — With Joy Nichols, Dick Bentley and Jimmy Edwards. (BBC)

2.30 "Jazz Half Hour" (Studio)

3.00 "Moral Requests" — Presented by Amber (Studio).

4.00 "World News (London Relay)"

4.10 "A Short Story: 'The White Mare'" — By Michael McLeavy. Read by John Lovelace. (Studio)

4.30 "Light Variety" —

5.00 "Hong Kong" — Presented by Gordon Hill (Studio)

5.00 "Hong Kong Calling" — Programme Summary.

5.02 "Time for Music" — BBC Scottish Variety Orchestra — With Alexander Carmichael (Bass Baritone) Conductor, by Kemlo Stephen. (BBC)

5.30 "Relay of the Sunday Service" from St. Paul's Cathedral, London.

7.00 "Looking Ahead" — A Review of This Week's Programmes. (Studio)

7.15 "Weekly News Letter" (London Relay)

7.25 "Dinner Music" —

8.00 "World News and News Analysis" (London Relay)

8.15 "Recital" by Benjaminino Gigi (Tenor).

8.30 "Easter Anthology" — A Program of Poetry, Prose and Unaccompanied Singing following the Hours of Good Friday and Easter. (BBC)

9.00 "From the Editorials" — (London Relay)

9.10 "Weather Report" —

9.11 "Symphony Concert" — Mozart's Symphony No. 40 in G Minor, Eugen Jochum conducting the Concertgebouw Orchestra of Amsterdam. Chopin's Concerto No. 2 in F Minor, Op. 51, Mieczyslaw Weinberg (Piano) and the Philharmonia Orchestra. Conducted by Paul Kletzak. Richard Strauss's Don Juan. Tchaikovsky's Violin Concerto. (BBC)

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### Relations with China

The Foreign Office is understood to be fairly confident that an exchange of Ambassadors with Communist China will soon be possible.

It appears that the Communists, in their discussions with Mr. J. C. Hutchinson, British Charge d'Affaires in Peking, have raised fundamental issues, like the future of Hong Kong. They have shown themselves concerned however, over a number of important points, including Britain's abstention from voting at UN when the question was raised of the expulsion of Nationalist China's representative, our maintenance of a Consul-General in Taiwan, the disposal of Nationalist property in our Far Eastern territories and the presence there of anti-Communist refugees.

In a meeting which he has reported to London, took place in a "cordial" atmosphere, Mr. Hutchinson gave Chou En-lai, Peking's Foreign Minister, the British Government's reply. The abstention at UN was on "technical" grounds and involved no principle. The British Consul in Taiwan was simply there to look after British local interests. Any dispute over Nationalist property on British soil Britain feels could be settled by reference to the International Court, while political refugees were traditionally entitled to asylum.

The impression from this interview is that the Chinese Government would now be willing to proceed to the exchange of Ambassadors.

### Truman visit?

The possibility of a State visit to Britain next year by President Truman is likely to be discussed between Mr. Bevin and Mr. Dean Acheson, who is coming to London in May for the Western Big Three Foreign Ministers' conference.

Although the King and his people would be happy to welcome Mr. Truman, there are certain constitutional difficulties in the way of the U.S. President leaving his country in time of peace. It is felt, however, that the benefit to morale in Western Europe resulting from such a visit would be so great that President Truman, in harmony with the Republican opposition in Congress, might be able to find a way around the obstacle.

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### Diplomatic restrictions

Little more is likely to be heard—for the present, at any rate—of suggestions for restricting severely the movements of "Iron Curtain" diplomats here, in spite of a recent Commons statement that some form of restriction of this kind was being considered.

To begin with, it is clear that a rigid 30-mile limit on travel out of London was never seriously contemplated, partly because restrictions on British diplomats vary from country to country in Eastern Europe, being at their worst in Russia and Rumania, while the position is much easier in Poland and Hungary. In any case, such a step, which would require a special Act of Parliament, would be difficult to apply in a democracy in time of peace.

Accordingly, while some stiffening of security measures is possible, nothing of a dramatic nature is now expected. The initiative for treating "Iron Curtain" representatives here as their Governments treat British Embassy and Legation staffs came from British diplomats in Eastern Europe, but is understood that their proposals did not command anything like general approval in the Foreign Office.

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## ABLE SEAMAN



By HOLT

**Behind the political scene**  
By Alastair Forbes

**An air-minded Commonwealth**

Powerful as it may be as an instrument of war, the aeroplane today is making an increasing contribution to the progress of civilisation. Recently I flew to Australia, returning via the Far East, Hong Kong, Siam, Burma and India.

Everywhere I found an increasing realisation of the importance of civil aviation as a factor in daily life. Men like Mr. Menzies and Mr. Holland, the Prime Ministers of Australia and New Zealand, are accurately informed about both their internal and external airlines. Mr. Chifley, Leader of the Australian Opposition, is an encyclopaedia of aviation news.

There is good geographical reason for this interest. Not only has the very size of Australia made the country a nursery—indeed a forcing house—for means of swift long-distance travel, but experience has forced home the realisation that, if future isolation is to be avoided, efficient long-range air connections are essential.

Last year, one out of every seven Australians travelled by air. This is the highest proportion anywhere in the world. Apart from the big long-distance operators, Australia is criss-crossed by a fine grid of internal services. These are mostly operated by small companies using ex-Army-type American aircraft, mainly Dakotas and the like. Their replacement should provide a useful market for British aircraft. There is no dollar availability; and the example set in reliability and comfort by the British flying boats that cross the Tasman Sea to New Zealand is impressive indeed.

**Speculation**

There is much speculation whether British jet-driven aircraft can profitably be used on trans-internal routes. First, I think, will come the Comet on the long-range overseas sectors. Immense interest and much goodwill has been created for British aviation by the successful trials of this first all-jet airliner.

Australia is a land of pioneers. Men like Sir Ross Smith, Harry

Hawker, Bert Hinkler and Sir Kingsford Smith carried the burden of developing inter-continent flying. And today, I found the authorities very willing to listen sympathetically to requests for improved airport facilities. Among them are long-range radio

By  
**Sir Miles Thomas**

also, so that the Comet can come under airport control while 400 to 500 miles away.

It seems likely that for the shorter hauls on the internal



routes the turbo-prop type of power units will be more suitable. But here again Britain has a useful lead in design and production.

Two points particularly impressed me in Hong Kong and Burma. One is the growing use of air freight. The other is that the local populace prefer to travel with British crews. Short haul air freight is largely the outcome of the disturbed ground transport situation inland. Within 30 miles of Rangoon, I was told, a car or lorry is likely to be stopped, its load rifled, and passengers robbed, and forced to walk back. Rail bridges are still "blown."

Even in those Eastern countries where conditions are not quite so bad, pilfering and delays are rife. It cannot be an economical exercise to transport potatoes by aeroplane; yet there is a regular traffic in them and other basic food produce in Rangoon by sea.

Whether it be in helping the economic recovery of the Eastern hemisphere, or in accelerating the consolidation of English-speaking countries into a prosperous consortium, British aeronautical engineers and operating executives are today showing encouraging results.

British air-crews are doing fine ambassadorial work wherever they fly. Wives of rich Burmese business men unhesitatingly commit their children to the care of our captains and stewards on aircraft flying hundreds of miles to India, where the youngsters go to boarding school. It is good to see the prestige and traditions of our Merchant Navy developing in the air. It is all part of the pattern

in those purple-domed regions where it will operate.

Payment of mail rates commensurate with the time saving provided, as enjoyed by American airlines, can make a big financial difference.

But both at home and down the long, thousand-mile reaches of the Kangaroo route I sensed a growing faith in the future of air transport. Business men realise that Sydney, that vital centre of Empire development (the word Commonwealth is not popular with Australians), is only as far in terms of time from London by air as is New York from London by sea.

It might be wise for all sections of the public and of the Press to examine as carefully as possible the purity of the motives behind their present vociferous support for the campaign to make legitimate once more the official administration of corporal punishment.

No penal system hitherto devised by man has managed to impose punishments which can be said to fit the crime.

The object of all such systems, since fair retribution is inexactable, must be on the one hand adequately to deter potential criminals and on the other to restore actual criminals to useful and peaceful citizenship.

It is evident that our present system is failing to secure either of these objects. It does not seem likely that if the short pri-

**JUSTICE IN BRITAIN**

No responsible politician can have disagreed with the Lord Chancellor's remarks in the House of Lords deprecating any tendency on the part of the judiciary to criticise the legislation it exists to enforce.

The Lord Chief Justice, speaking during the same flogging debate from the cross-bench, made it clear that he had not and would not in any event encourage such a tendency.

Doubtless Lord Jowitt, whose own speeches were weighed down by statistics, had in mind less eminent judges, such as the one who recently announced that "Facts speak louder than statistics".

It has fortunately not yet become the accepted procedure in the courts that judgment should be found for the witness with the loudest voice. For it is evident that prejudice speaks louder than either facts or statistics.

It is a fact that we are in the midst of what can without exaggeration be called a crime wave. But no statistics so far exist to prove that the crime wave is consequent upon the abolition of flogging. It is certainly widely accepted as a fact that there exists in England a strong and deeply rooted prejudice in favour of corporal punishment either as a deterrent or as a punishment.

**Using the birch**

Possibly this national prejudice is generally free of the sinister implications foreign observers have chosen to see in it. The traditional ruling class, which still has majority representation in the higher councils of both major parties, has been brought up to believe that in order to become "one of the best" it is necessary to receive "six of the best" often and over a long formative period.

Its representatives would seldom be ashamed to admit that when they hear the words Penal Reform they feel like reaching for their old school birches.

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Mr. Crossman and his friends seem to forget that the Russians

son sentence fails to halt crimes of violence, these will be stopped by birching.

**No panaceas**

Again, while the threat of a much longer prison sentence seems to be a far more active deterrent, its effect is often to make a prisoner unfit for any society other than the criminal or for any other profession save that of thief or thug.

It may be that new evidence may be forthcoming to indicate the necessity of reintroducing old penalties, whether it be birching or the stocks. But in the meantime no swift reforms are possible and no panaceas in sight.

In this overcrowded island it has not yet been found practical to give "prisons without bars" a fair trial. There exists, indeed, a strong case for restoring the right to deport convicted criminals for a term in some settlement where they might purge their crimes in a manner which would serve the community without at the same time making them unserviceable or dangerous to the community for ever afterwards.

**Distorted views**

It is important that Mr. Churchill should elaborate the ideas about Germany's part in Europe which he sketched so lightly in his speech in the Defence Debate and which were immediately distorted by Mr. Crossman and other Socialists.

It is absurd to accuse Mr. Churchill, as Mr. Crossman sought to do, of lack of understanding of France. Mr. Churchill shares with General de Gaulle and many other Frenchmen a desire to settle the Franco-German question within a European framework.

Germany's Dr. Adenauer agrees, but cannot resist looking for a solution which "does without" British participation, might allow France to be stifled in a German-dominated Europe.

Arming the East

Full British participation in a European alliance is therefore essential, and some early commitment on this score must be made by the Government. As to the question of Germany assuming some responsibility for her own defence, that is equally urgent, and cannot be ducked.

Otherwise, if Mr. Acheson, a man of honour and principle, had had Mr. Strachey's opportunity to vindicate himself in open court, he would not have hesitated one second to do so, nor would he have found it difficult.

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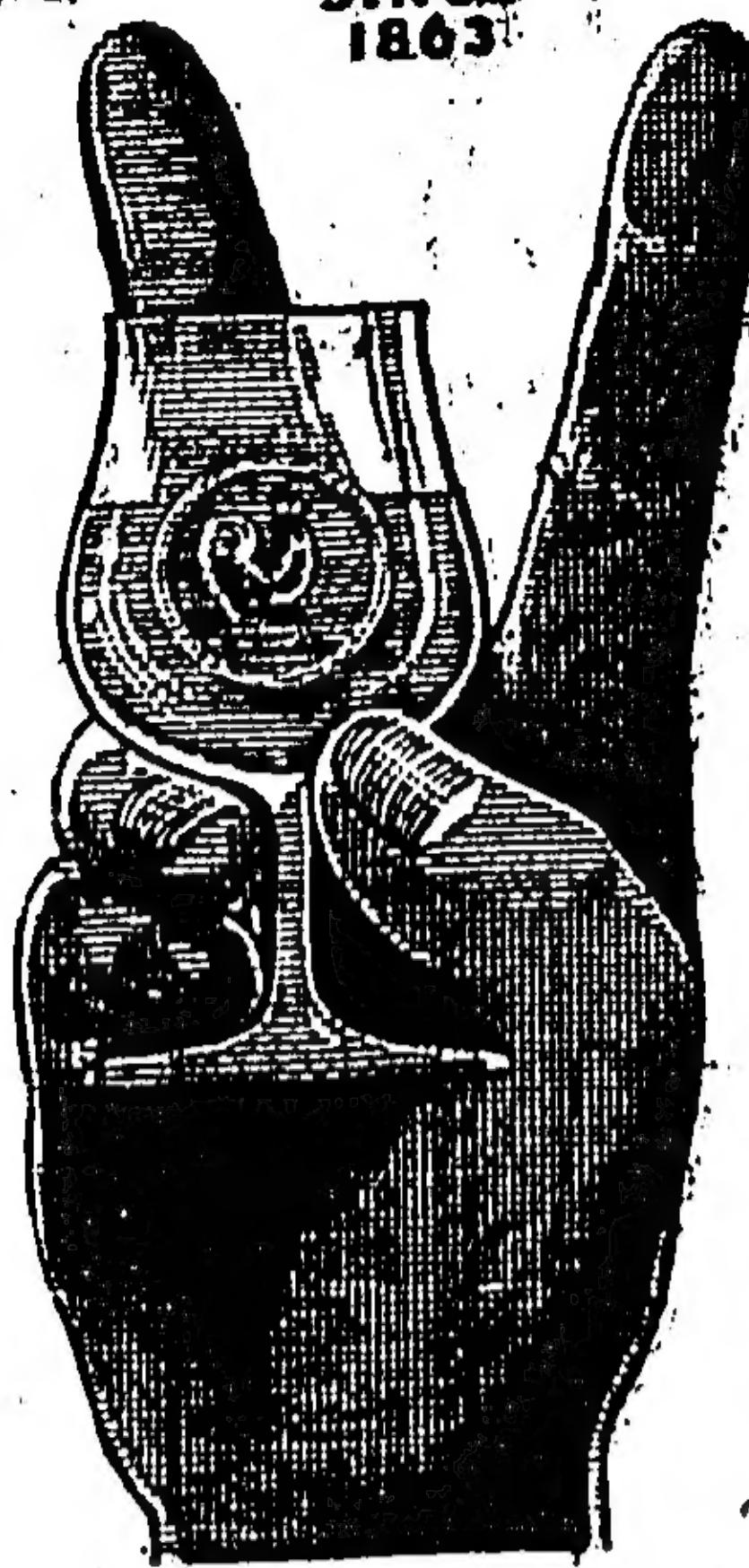
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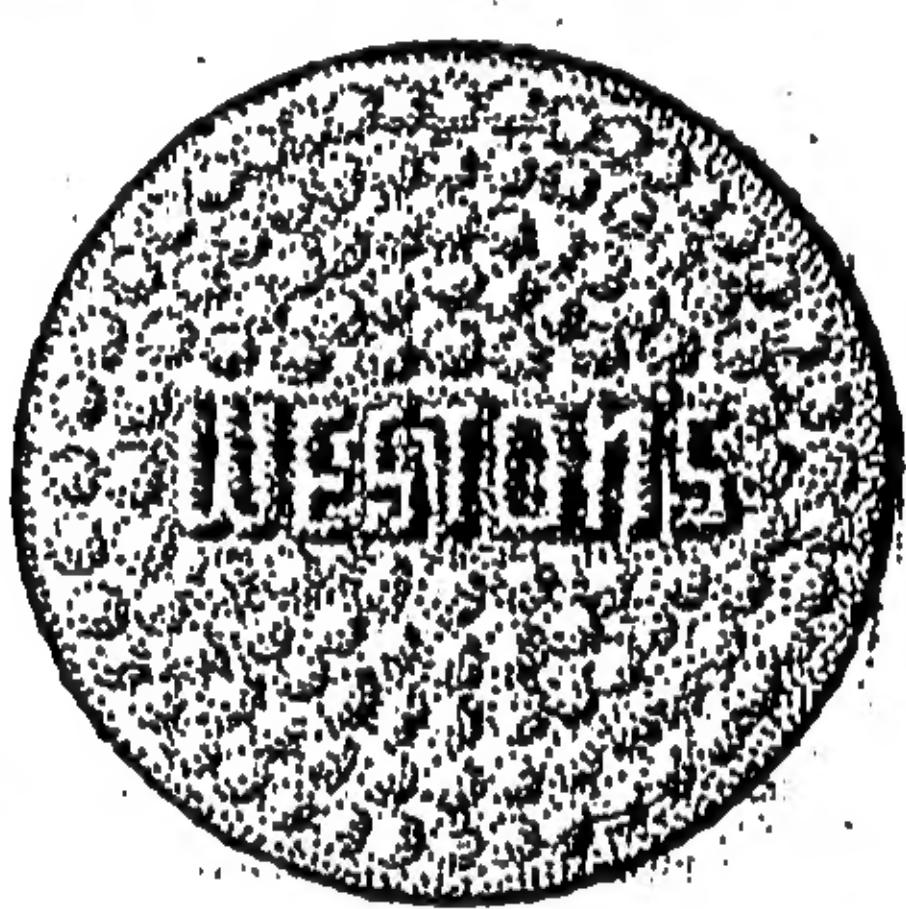
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### Art collector.

In an air-conditioned flat in the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank building is stored one of the most exquisite art collections in this part of the world.

There is a complete visual reproduction of the early British military and naval operations in China by Knell and other artists—a thrilling account in oils of the adventures in the Pearl River estuary of the Nemesis, the first iron steamship to cross the Equator to Canton in 1838.

The walls of this flat are adorned with a series of paintings and watercolours depicting the early 19th century. There is a little miniature by Constable, landscapes by David Cox, John Varley, and Copley Fielding.

A few pieces by Chinnery are also present, in addition to several original lithographs of Hyde Park and St. James' Park in 1840 when the Marble Arch was still in front of Buckingham Palace.

All this belongs to a famous barrister who many years ago abandoned a comfortable practice at Lincoln's Inn to undertake the post of Secretary to the Shanghai Municipal Council. He is Mr. J. R. Jones, now legal adviser to the Hong Kong Bank.

Mr. Jones' collection extends to books and he is the proud owner of some wonderful old publications dealing with China and the Far East. Some of these rare books are nearly 200 years old—including a beautifully bound and illustrated manuscript on the forms and intricacies of Chinese punishments of the past.

Another old book recounts the early history and the flora of China. Bound in gilt-edged Morocco leather, printed on hand-made paper, and heavily gilt at the edges, it is a tribute to the exquisite craftsmanship of the early printers. Books of this kind are no longer produced, and the bigger libraries, like the Vatican Library, the Bodleian and the Library of Congress, have virtually swallowed up all such loose items at the expense of the small collector.

Mr. Jones told me his interest in art began many years ago when he occasionally visited Christie's and Sotheby's while an art auction was in progress. At first the impulse to buy beautiful books and pictures was merely incidental, and his ability to discriminate between what was good or bad was not very profound.

His impression is that awareness of the technical qualities of all art is achieved by degrees—you do not, like Lord Byron, awake one morning at Ravello and confide to the Princess Chigi that the mysteries of Dore's illustrations to the Inferno are as clear as crystal.

Mr. Jones approaches the visual arts with a love born out of years of attachment. He enjoys beautiful pictures of scenes which he cherishes, and is fond of having them around when he is far away from home. His home in the Old Country is filled with impressions of China, so that the pleasant antiquity of Peking, the imperishable quality of the Great

# PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

By The SCRIBE

who came especially from Shanghai to supervise the arrangements.

Mr. Ling is leaving by air today for Singapore to advise a new hotel in Malaya on financial procedure. He does not know when he will return.

He gained international fame as the general manager of Shanghai's Park Hotel, which towers over Shantung Well Road in an architecture of slim beauty. It is 23 stories high, and is easily the tallest building in China.

Miss Christian and her husband were received by the Pope at the Vatican a few days after their marriage. Miss Christian wore a long black robe, which is de riguer for a Vatican audience. Her husband wore a black tie and striped trousers.

Italian newspapers reported how impressed the newlyweds were with the reception given them, and how His Holiness had exerted them to set a good example on their return to Hollywood.

In Europe the Powers met European society through the good offices of Miss Elsa Maxwell, who maintains a large, sprawling villa near Cannes. They were invited everywhere.

According to the Hollywood columnists Hedda Hopper and Louella Parsons, the Christy-Power marriage is one of the most astonishing Hollywood "success stories" on the "emotional plane."

As one of the most dashing young men-about-town, Tyrone Power's name was often coupled with that of the leading socialites and actresses in Hollywood and New York. When the rift with Arabelle became evident, Miss Parsons wrote that his second marriage would be a "brilliant affair." She was completely unprepared for the announcement made in Italy—of his engagement to Miss Christian.

Since her marriage, Miss Christian has had many offers to appear in films likely to project her to stardom. She has not accepted any suggestion so far except that advanced by her husband—that she be a good and devoted wife.

In a few years he had learned much, and was ready to go to America to qualify for a diploma. He stayed three years in the United States, putting finishing touches to his knowledge of hotel supervision, and returned to Shanghai to manage the Park Hotel, which had just then been built.

It was an immense responsibility which he assumed. The Park Hotel, named after London's Park Lane Hotel, was massive, streamlined, and colossal. It contained a ball room on the 14th floor, a cocktail lounge, a restaurant for Chinese food, a Bamboo Room, a Green Room, and a lounge for afternoon tea on the 13th floor.

Mr. Ling's appointment was the first occasion when the management of such an enterprise was assumed by a Chinese. So well did he do his job that in no time at all Park Hotel took its rightful place as the leading hotel in the Far East.

It eclipsed the Cathay Hotel in importance, and in the galaxy of the social life which revolved around it tourists from all over the world praised the lavishness of its appointments, its superb cuisine and in the smooth functioning of its service.

Mr. Ling is distinguished-looking, always carefully attired and perfectly charming even in the most embarrassing situations. He fulfilled the Park Hotel's avowal of involvement with the Japanese during the war in a manner which his guests will always remember.

In addition to America, Mr.

Ling lived for a while in Europe where he made a point of observing how managers behave in the famous resorts of the Italian Lido, the French Riviera and the Bavarian Alps.

His attitude is patterned after the masters of his profession, and

he assumes an easiness in deportment, cordiality and general appearance which puts everyone at their ease at once.

But behind his facade of smooth talk lies the essential quality of a sound business acumen. Mr. Ling believes that hotels which do not make money should close.

Still comparatively young, he feels there is great room for the expansion of China's hotel industry should peace ever come. He hopes to be here when that time arrives.

His brother, Mr. Harold Ling, is the manager of Kowloon's International Hotel. He hopes to make a good job of his task as his brother made with his.

### Prominent Indonesian

With the independence of the United States of Indonesia, trade relations between the new republic and Hong Kong are likely to assume greater importance in the near future.

Actively making preparations for that day is a prominent Indonesian businessman, Mr. G. C. Saw, who is at present in Hong Kong on a protracted visit.

Mr. Saw is the managing director of the largest Chinese newspaper in Indonesia, the "New China Times," a liberal paper.

He is also director of a Dutch-registered realty firm, and chairman of the Su Tung Middle School in Jakarta, which was established by Chinese merchants to provide education in the mother-tongue for their children.

At one time he was an official on the Board of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce in Indonesia. He resigned from this post when he came here three years ago.

Mr. Saw has had an adventurous career from youth, and is a self-made man. His present business success is not due to a good education, because he admits freely that he was expelled from school on two occasions.

Once he was selected from a group of young men by the Seventh Day Adventists to study the Bible in a special class. He spent four years on this job, and



MR. MYRON LING

Victor and asked to be admitted into the staff on a "no-pay-while-you-learn" arrangement. Sir Victor agreed, and Mr. Ling made his debut into the world of hotel management.

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## Communist problem.

The people of Australia have at least heard what they have long been waiting for: A Government declaration of determination to wipe out the Communist element white-anting industry and commerce and currently showing in the Brisbane waterside hold-up.

By proclamation of the Crimes Act the Commonwealth Government has armed itself with powers immediately available and more than justified by the gravity of the new strike technique which is being felt in all parts of Australia and all countries with which Australia trades. What happens is this: Communists light on local grievances in widely separated ports and work them up until they become quite a thing. Top marks are given by Red agents working this in ports where the local union leaders are known as non-Communists, for trouble shooters invariably regard such a dispute as a genuine industrial one. Very few moderate unionists recognise these local hold-ups as Communist-inspired, or connect a strike in Freemantle with one in Brisbane, but that's the way it is.

Now, however, men who have so far escaped punishment while they have been inciting others to break the law can be reached, and moreover, the full emissaries of other countries can be deported. Now the gloves are off; every loyal Australian will see the fight is free for all, for what is to come is something more than a round between the Menzies Government and the Moscow men—it is the salvation of the country.

Extraordinary thing about the disruptive element in the watersiders' unions is that, if a slowdown occurred, Communists and their supporters would not add up to more than 25 per cent of these unions, but they wield an influence out of all proportion to their numerical strength. Secretaries and many paid officials in the ports are acknowledged Communists: the watersiders elect them because of their ability, but in most of the ports Communist nominees for the executives are invariably defeated. This sets up a pull-devil pull-dog contest between the Communists and non-Communists which is behind all the waterfront trouble, as each accuses the other of giving away conditions and vying for prestige with the rank and file.

Anything may happen within the next few months for even the rosichest glasses pick up the rocks ahead, but just the same no one wants' compromise.' Since his Parliament was elected Mr. Menzies has given ample time for wiser counsels to prevail but the union leaders are working themselves into a frenzy about misrepresentation and declaring the proclamation to be hasty and



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ill-advised. What they refuse to admit is that direct action, to enforce any claim is an assault upon the very system that operates in the best interests of the trade unions, and that a collision with the law, openly and insolently indicated, can only result in serious consequences for their federation.

Immediately following the proclamation the attitude of the Government continued to be a study in patience but the ordinary citizens were eager to see a clean-up because the signal to button up for another 'cheerless winter results from recent stoppages on the coal fields which even now are reflecting in big cities in industry and everyday amenities.

The tragedy of the trade unions impasse is all the sharper by contrast with the bounty of the land because good seasons don't last for ever and unless the ships are kept moving by proper continuity of work the man on the land will be cheated out of top values for the fruits of their labour. Opportunities for good workers in the country have never been better, but materials are even shorter than labour and some graziers are so desperate that they are restricting breeding to keep their flocks down to workable numbers.

In the good seasons landowners plough back as much as they can in the way of profits, not solely for the sake of the land but because it is the one way they can reduce the burden of taxation, but the problem at the present time is to secure materials for improvements. Where graziers have been able to secure fencing materials they are paying £80 to £100 a mile for the erection of fences as compared to £20 and £30 before the war but even at that it is a paying proposition against the depredations of the rabbit, because, come the bad times, there will be no need for a census to prove that the pest outnumbers the flocks.

## Flood waters

While landowners in many parts of the country are doubling their permanent water by putting down dams and artesian bores, the aim is one for every 2,000 acres—other parts have flood waters roaring through like surf, taking a disastrous toll of stock and menacing homes as the swift running rivers spread across the flat country. The crying shame of it is that the precious element just runs to waste when half what is being lost in strikes would finance water conservation schemes that would see even this thirsty land through any drought.

## Big golf

Considering the record crowd of more than 12,000 which not only followed but at times disrupted play at the National Open Golf Championship, it's fun to remember that not so very long ago Australians used to consider golf a pretty snooty game and send catcalls after anyone carrying a bag in the street.

Today however it is definitely a game for the people, despite its rapidly rising costs, and there's nothing more definite than that it is a major spectator attraction, a little matter that will bring to problems of gallery control to sponsors and officials if the stampede of spectators at this last big golf do is taken as a precedent. The M'Williams Wines £2,500 tournament has helped tremendously in building up public interest in big golf by importing overseas players and providing big enough prize money.

to bring together the best golfers in Australia and New Zealand.

Naturally the firm hasn't lost anything by it either as it gets what was a smart business idea tremendous publicity. This year Eric Cremin, who took the first prize (£800), beat Welshman Dan Rees by two strokes after the tensest battle in Australian golf history—in fact thousands were hollering the British professional champion as the likeliest winner up to the 14th in the last round, when the news spread that Gremlins, playing behind, needed only par figures for the remainder to win.

Cremin not only got them calmly and deliberately, but did slightly better—at the short 17th he stroked home a 10-foot putt for a birdie 2, got his par on the 18th to make a total of 283. He is one of the very few players who has the game and can lift it for the occasion to go four times round the Australian course and finish with a score like 283, which is one under par.

## Snags ahoy!

So many amazing personalities have blossomed out in "the Territory" over the past few years that it really takes something to set the locals talking but the buzz that has set in over meat tycoon A. W. Anderson makes the Psalm of Thanksgiving sound like a lullaby.

Mr. Anderson—he likes friends to call him "Big Ando"—is probably our most unconventional meat merchant, but since he has provided Port Moresby with its second butcher's shop he's leading for what goes for patron saint in those parts.

Before "Big Ando" came along, Port Moresby, with a population of 3,000, had a single butcher's shop and reasonably the local lad thought he had the game sewn up securely as he only designed to do business between 6.30 a.m. and 10 a.m.

Unable to get a suitable site in the town, Mr. Anderson set up business on a refrigerator barge of 100 tons which he bought from war disposals. The meat he sells comes from pig abattoirs at Walangarra, N.S.W. and is freighted to the Territory from Sydney; merchandising methods too are a novelty for Papua as the shop stays open all day (and quite understandably the other one does too) and at Christmas time gift poultry was sent to customers and free beer was served to them in the shop.

While in Port Moresby Mr. Anderson lives on his barge where he shares a four-bed cabin with employees, and although this retail business is just a side line he intends to build a shop on the mainland just as soon as he can get a site.

Also, at 61 years of age he plans to live in the Territory permanently because the climate makes him feel energetic. It's no secret that his Australian business has a turnover of £4,000,000 a year, and his New Guinea firm, Anderson's Island Industries Ltd. has assets in the Territory worth about £700,000, mostly in the form of ships. In a few months time Island Industries will launch the Territory's first large scale fishing enterprise when two 300-ton cargo ships will be equipped as floating cannerys, and three or four trawling and netting fleets will go into operation.

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## Of this and that

Big things for the future of the motion picture industry will

## INSIDE INFORMATION

By Mercury

Western Germany, conserving its own forests, will compete keenly with Britain in the Siberian timber market, offering Marshall Aid dollars.

The Bonn Government, with Allied approval, will float a foreign loan to enable it to launch a building scheme for 250,000 houses.

The invention which is the result of five years experimenting by Messrs. N. H. Dyer, projectivist, and D. F. Macpherson, radio engineer, is a bi-gated device which can be attached to any make of projector—the secret being the treatment of light so that it causes an illusion of depth, particularly apparent in colour films.

Hailed as the greatest lifeboat voyage ever voluntarily attempted, the trip of five life-savers in an open boat from Bondi to Brighton was made for the crew to compete in the Australian Surf Championships at Coolangatta. The boat was the regulation life-boat fitted with a man, 22-ft long with a beam of 6-ft.

Using two aeroplane packing cases as a church an Anglican minister in North Geelong hopes by services and share farming to get both a congregation and a worthy house of worship at the Housing Commission's settlement at Norlane. The Shell Company has lent 100 acres of land and a barley crop on share farming is expected to raise about £700 for the building of a church, bell, and kindergarten, which will be built by parishioners at an estimated cost of £4,000, a third of which will be provided by Church authorities.

The silvery snake takes the place of the dog in the news maxim since man and boy, we've taken to eating 'em alive. Not so long ago a feebled female rescued a small snake from her two-year-old, who, somehow, had managed to get the silvery firmly behind the head, with one chubby fist, the other grasping the tail while he lit on the bend in the middle.

Currently we mourn for Sammy, a dapper little diamond snake, the pride of a showman, who lived in luxury inside his owner's shirt, slipped his belt and showed off, fondly poking his little flat head into the master's mouth. The story of Sammy might have had a happy ending if he had teamed up with anyone but a showman, for Sammy was produced in a crowded Sydney bar to do his stuff. When the timid had backed away and the rest convinced that Sammy was not of the species, usually seen through the bottom of a glass, the show was a wiz complete with press photographer. Then the villain entered, in the guise of Nick Winter, one-time Olympic hop, step, and jump winner! Said Nick, "I've seen these rubber snakes before!" and straightaway picked up Sammy and bit his head clean off. Blood spurted and Nick's face was just as red, and as well too, because his obvious distress averted an incident.

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Three-year waiting lists for children's tonal and adenoid operations have accumulated in some London hospitals.

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# FBI RECORDS CLEAR OWEN LATTIMORE

## Files inspected by Senate investigators

### McCARTHY ADAMANT

Washington, April 6. Senator Millard Tydings said on Thursday that Federal Bureau of Investigation records clear Mr. Owen Lattimore completely of Communist spy charges preferred by Senator Joseph McCarthy.

Mr. Tydings, Chairman of a Senate investigating committee, said also that four members of the committee hold the same opinion after inspecting a complete summary of FBI files on Mr. Lattimore, the Far-Eastern expert.

The fifth member, Senator Bourke B. Hickenlooper, was out of town when the committee visited FBI director J. Edgar Hoover, but will view the records next week.

Hardly had Mr. Tydings made his announcement when Mr. McCarthy told reporters that "either Tydings hasn't seen the files, or he is lying. There is no other alternative."

The chairman had referred to a summary prepared for the committee by Hoover from the FBI files on the accused Johns Hopkins University professor.

Mr. McCarthy said he didn't know what Mr. Hoover had compiled for the committee, "but I know what is in the files."

### Greeks deny American aid warning

Athens, April 7. Greek official sources today categorically denied reports that the United States has threatened that Marshall aid to Greece might be stopped for political reasons. An official government statement is expected later.

The sources said that the Prime Minister, Sophocles Venizelos, had never stated, as had been reported, that Greece's policy would not be changed despite suggestions that Marshall aid might be stopped.

Today's denial follows a recent warning by the United States ambassador, Mr. Henry Grady, in a letter to M. Venizelos that "only a stable efficient government supported by the people and parliament will be able to act with courage for a long term policy essential to the wise use of American aid."

The Greek government considers this warning concerned the "implementation of pre-reqs" on the Greek side before large scale industrialisation plans adopted in Washington could be pushed ahead.—Reuter.

### Van Zeeland determined

Brussels, April 7. The Belgian Premier designate, M. Paul Van Zeeland, announced tonight that he is determined to form a new Belgian Government composed of Socialist Christians (Catholics) and non-Parliamentarians from the Leftist parties, mainly Liberals.

He said that he will summon both Houses of Parliament to meet separately on Tuesday.

If he fails to obtain a vote of confidence he will dissolve Parliament in which case the Belgians will be called to the polls.

M. Van Zeeland told a press conference: "I have the list of the Government in my pocket. The Government is virtually formed."

He however refused to reveal the names of would-be Ministers "by deference to my future colleagues."—Reuter.

### Mr. Lattimore strikes back

Washington, April 8. Professor Owen Lattimore, accused by Senator Joseph McCarthy of being Russia's top spy in the United States, today swore before a Senate Sub-Committee that the charges were base and contemptible lies.

He said that Senator McCarthy had flagrantly violated his responsibility as a Senator and had made unauthorized use of secret Government documents.

Mr. Lattimore, an authority on Far Eastern affairs, took note of Senator McCarthy's contention that he could prove that Mr. Lattimore is or was a Communist and declared, "I was not and have not been a Communist and I am not a Communist now."

Mr. Lattimore made his denial in testimony prepared for a Senate Foreign Relations Sub-Committee investigating Senator McCarthy's charges that Communists and Communist sympathizers have infected the State Department.—Reuter.

### Debate on Malayan "hot" war

London, April 8. The Colonial Secretary, Mr. James Griffiths, hinted in the House of Commons today that Britain might ask help from other Commonwealth countries in the "hot" war in Malaya.

Replies to a short debate on the Malayan situation, on a motion for Parliament's Easter adjournment, he said that though during the last half of 1949 there was every indication that "we were getting on top of the bandits," the attacks had increased since then to about 50 or 60 a week.

"The possibility of assistance from other Commonwealth countries has not been overlooked," he said. "While it is reasonable to hope that the present military strength will prove sufficient for present operations, the Government does not close the door to a reassessment of requirements."

Several speakers, including Sir Patrick Spens (Conservative), a former Chief Justice in India, said that they would like to see Australia, New Zealand and other Commonwealth countries, if necessary, asked to help in Malaya. Mr. Leonard Gammans (Conservative) had contended that Britain was not winning the "hot" war in Malaya.

Mr. Griffiths said that in his position:

"We should dislodge ourselves from Korea as quickly as possible," he added. "We are in a position which I think is untenable for democracy."

Hickenlooper wanted to know how long it would be after the U.S. withdrew its support from Korea before the Russians moved in.

Lattimore said it would be only a "matter of weeks."

Hickenlooper wanted to know if Lattimore thought the United States should extend diplomatic recognition to Red China.

Afterward he told reporters: "I am not changing anything I have said."

Lattimore told the sub-committee:

1. He will talk to his lawyers about suing McCarthy for libel

for calling him a "Russia-espionage agent of the Senate floor."

(A Senator can say anything during a Senate Session without being arrested or sued for it.)

2. McCarthy is the tool of the so-called China lobby," insisting on total and complete commitment of the U.S. to the National government of China.

3. Lattimore is not the author of America's China policy, which failed. He said his advice did not enter into policy in the Far East. If it had, "I think that the Communists would not now control China."

Questioned by Hickenlooper, Lattimore said there was no doubt that the top Communist leaders in China are devotedly loyal to Moscow.

Hickenlooper asked whether Lattimore at one time believed that the so-called Communists' drive in China was simply one of agrarian reform.

Mr. Thomas Reid (Labour) said he believed that the Malayan trouble was directed not from the Kremlin but by the Kremlin's agents who met in Calcutta a short time ago.—Reuter.

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## ITALIANS FEAR TITO COUP IN TRIESTE, ASK FOR U.N. HELP

Trieste, April 7.

Thousands of Italians in the Anglo-American zone of Trieste today signed a petition demanding United Nations help to prevent Marshal Tito from annexing the Trieste zone occupied by Yugoslavia.

### Belgrade lashes out at Russia.

Belgrade, April 7. Yugoslavia charged on Friday that Russia is plotting terrorist activities against her, and is trying to incite the Yugoslav people to rebellion against Marshal Tito's regime.

An angry broadside against Russia's "Wrong" foreign policy was delivered by the Information Chief, Mr. Vladimir Dedijer, in commenting at a Press conference on the recent meeting of the Cominform's military chiefs in Budapest. He lashed out especially at a statement made there by Soviet Marshal Klement Voroshilov.

"That statement was a warmongering one," Dedijer said. "It accuses Yugoslavia of intentions which the Soviet Union itself has against Yugoslavia. It is very peculiar that the Soviet Union speaks about peace in the world, and one of its representatives makes warmongering statements at the same time against small neighbouring Yugoslavia."

"There is something wrong with the foreign policy of the Soviet Union. Voroshilov's statement is just reckless interference in the internal affairs of another country. He is calling again to the Yugoslav people to note that Voroshilov accuses the Yugoslav government of preparing terrorist activities against Eastern countries. In this case, too, we can say that the Soviet Union is accusing Yugoslavia of planning to do those very things which they are planning against us."

#### Official capacity

"I should also like to point out that Voroshilov made his statement in his official capacity as Vice-Premier of the Soviet Union, as special emissary to the Cominform conference, and as personal emissary of Stalin."

In what has been interpreted as an indirect reply to Voroshilov, Marshal Tito two days ago declared that "the stronger and more prepared we are, the less we labour under illusions, the less we shall expose ourselves to

danger, because we shall not allow a potential aggressor to take us by surprise."

Though the Yugoslav Information office would not speculate on what specific plans the Soviet Union may be preparing in regard to Yugoslavia, it was noted that, at the recent trial of Bulgarian "spies and terrorists" in Skopje, one of the defendants testified that the Cominform was planning to send guerrillas into Yugoslavia this spring.—United Press.

#### Separate entities

The subsequent peace treaty with Italy, stipulated that united Free Territory should be established under the administration of Governor appointed by the United Nations. But no Governor has yet been appointed and the two zones continue to function as separate entities.

Meanwhile, it is reported from Rome that the Italian Foreign

Minister Count Carlo Storza, is expected to make a final appeal tomorrow to Marshal Tito to negotiate a settlement of the problem of Trieste.

It was believed that in a major policy speech in Milan tomorrow morning Count Storza will suggest machinery to prevent the "coup" which the Italians suspect Yugoslavia may be planning in her zone of the Trieste Free Territory.

In Rome considerable relief was caused in official circles tonight by the cancellation, according to Belgrade reports, of the projected visit to the Italian capital next week of the American Ambassador to Yugoslavia, Mr. George Aller, who was reported to have intended seeking a compromise between Italy and Yugoslavia.

Belgrade reports of the Ambassador's plan to come to Rome strengthened the belief in some unofficial political circles that the Western Allies were preparing to "trade" the Yugoslav zone of Trieste to Marshal Tito.

#### Tito's price

These circles claimed the zone was Marshal Tito's price for eventual Yugoslav co-operation in an American-backed line-up against the Soviet Union and Eastern Mediterranean countries.

It was believed that Count Storza will tomorrow insist that at no time in four years of international debate about Trieste has the Yugoslav zone been considered anything but predominantly Italian.

He is expected to repeat Italy's previous protests against Yugoslavia's action tending to divorce the zone from the neighbouring Anglo-American zone, with which it was intended to form eventually a single Free Territory under United Nations aegis.

Since failure among the Big Powers to agree on a Governor of the Free Territory, the Belgrade Government has introduced the Yugoslav dinar as the zone's currency, and has knit it to Yugoslavia by a Customs Union, has evicted many Italians from the land, their homes and their jobs, and has shown a continuing desire to annex the zone to the Federative Republic of Slovenia.

A leading article tonight in the "Voice of Democracy" believed closely to reflect Count Storza's views, insisted on the importance of the joint American, British and French declaration two years ago that in view of the still-birth of the projected Free Territory, both zones should be returned to Italy.

"This declaration will be another card in Italy's hand, if and when negotiations start," the newspaper said.—Reuter.

The political correspondent of the paper, under the heading "Canberra Meeting May Wreck Project," said foreign affairs and diplomatic sources at Baguio—the Philippines site chosen for a union conference—believed that the original concept of a non-Communist, non-military South East Asia union may suffer drastic changes in the face of forecastable Commonwealth policies from Canberra.

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RUTH KHAMA NEAR BREAKDOWN

Sorowé, Bechuanaland, April 7. Ruth Khama, seven months pregnant and 300 miles from her husband, was reported to be near a nervous breakdown today.

Friends of the white stenographer from London who married a negro tribal chieftain, Seretse Khama, went home with him to the bushlands of Southern Africa and became a storm centre of the British Commonwealth, said: "The world seems to be falling in on her."

Seretse, forbidden by the British Labour Government to rejoin his tribe, could not get into Sorowé. Ruth could not get out. She said, "My doctor advised me not to travel." Friends said they feared she was near a breakdown.—United Press.

WALTER HUSTON DIES AT 66

Hollywood, April 7. Walter Huston, the stage and screen actor, died here today. He was 66 yesterday.

He was stricken at his hotel suite late yesterday just before a surprise 66th birthday party planned for him by his friends.

Born in Toronto, Canada, Huston made his stage start in "Cavalcade" on Broadway. His

first film in the pioneering silent days of 1926 was "Gentlemen of the Press".—Reuter.

## CALL FOR A UNITED GERMANY

Bonn, April 6.

Dr. Kurt Schumacher, the Western German Socialist leader, today called for a united Germany as a condition for a prosperous and peaceful Europe.

The Social Democrat leader declared: "Germany's efforts will not be shackled with a view to the realisation of the aim of enabling a united Germany to play its part in Europe."

The first step towards German unity must be democratic general elections.

A National Assembly to be elected should at once take over the duties of a Parliament, besides producing a Constitution and a Government should be formed in Bonn.

He alleged that the Communists only wanted elections after other parties had been weakened and had lost their prestige through cooperating with them.

Dr. Schumacher attacked "those who insist upon the division of Germany as a condition for her participation in a united Europe." They were interested not in Europe but in "obtaining a privileged position for their own country."

"In this respect," Dr. Schumacher declared, "the handling of the Saar question is very significant and has great influence in deciding Social Democratic policy."

The official Social Democratic attitude to the Saar, as expressed by Dr. Schumacher earlier this week, is that Western Germany should refuse to join the Council of Europe as an associate member as long as the Saar is also an associate member.

The Social Democrat Party has condemned strongly the Saar's agreement with France, regulating her relations with that country until a modern German peace treaty was signed.—Reuter.

## Comment on Canberra conference

Manila, April 6.

The forthcoming British Commonwealth conference at Canberra may bring drastic changes in the plans for a non-Communist union of South East Asia, the "Manila Times" suggested today.

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The U.S. note recalled to observe here action taken by the United States recently in Greece.

The American Ambassador, Henry Grady, told the Greek Government that unless it was broadcast, U.S. aid might be cut.

The State Department note said Korea's contention that no inflation problem exists "indicates a lack of comprehension on the part of the Korean Government of the seriousness of the problem and unwillingness to take drastic measures required to curb the growing inflation."

"It is the judgement of this Government that the financial situation in Korea has already reached critical proportions and unless this progressive inflation is curbed in the not too distant future, it cannot but seriously impair Korea's ability to utilise effectively economic assistance provided by the ECA."

"The Secretary of State must inform His Excellency that unless the Korean Government is able to take satisfactory and effective measures to counter these inflationary forces, it will be necessary to re-examine and perhaps to make adjustments in ECA's assistance programme in Korea,"—United Press.

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## U.S. warns South Korea on ECA aid continuance

Washington, April 7.

The United States, in unusually harsh words to a friendly nation, has told South Korea to straighten out its economy and hold national elections in May. If it does not, the United States said, South Korea risks the loss of American dollars to help it back to recovery.

The cold directives were given to South Korea both by the State Department and the Economic Co-operation Administrator, Mr. Paul Hoffman.

The State Department's warning was in an aide-memoire to the Korean Ambassador, John Chang. Mr. Hoffman's was in a letter to the Korean Prime Minister, Lee Bum Suk.

Mr. Hoffman's letter was dated March 23. He raised the question of whether the ECA should go ahead with its programme to give South Korea \$100,000,000 during the fiscal year 1950-51, unless it was convinced that forthright immediate steps will be made to control inflation.

Mr. Hoffman wrote, "It is a foregone conclusion that, unless tax revenues are sharply increased and expenditures are drastically reduced, prices will continue to rise, probably at an accelerating rate. It is my real fear that a point will be reached in the not too distant future where our aid will make no further contribution to the welfare of the people of the Republic of Korea."

Mr. Hoffman's letter declared that the Korean Prime Minister certainly must know the nature of his country's financial situation. He added, "I am therefore impelled to raise with you the question of whether your Government has real intention to cope with the problem of inflation."

Described as a conference on equipment and stores standardisation, it will hear about 100 papers from experts on all the scientific and military aspects of equipping the modern soldier.

The widely differing Commonwealth national armies are expected to have more in common as a result of the talks.

On the principle that the efficiency of an army is no higher than the efficiency of the individual soldier, it is recognised that he cannot fight well if his clothing is not suited to the climate.

This conference will therefore concentrate on what the different climates call for in the way of clothing.

The conference had its origin in Delhi in 1946, when the problems of equipment and stores were discussed for the first time on a Commonwealth basis.

There was a further conference in the following year in London.

The conference is being held under the auspices of the Commonwealth Joint Services Committee and will be presided over by Major General N. V. Watson, the Deputy Quartermaster General of the British Army.

The delegates will report back to their respective General Headquarters any recommendations that the conference has to make.—Reuter.

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Fabian of the Yard--No. 21:

## AN ARABIC OATH BETRAYED A GUNMAN

"Why—it's a gun!" whispered the jeweller. His break-fast suddenly felt like a slab of concrete in his stomach. The broad-shouldered young man who had thrust his way in from Oxford Street's crowded and sunlit pavements, did indeed hold a black pistol in his big fingers. Its muzzle turned like an eyeless socket, this way and that about the shop, stiffened two assistants as though by some paralysing ray, then stopped at the manager's soft-filled waistcoat.

"Get into that back room," ordered the young man with the gun.

There was no anger in his voice, no snarl of assumed toughness. He spoke blandly. But the plump little jeweller felt that beneath such a voice, behind such bleak eyes lay a slumberous indifference about whether he and his two stock-jacketed assistants lived another five seconds—or died.

With a tiny sob of fear, the jeweller permitted himself to be pushed into the store-room—and stumbled across the bodies of his two assistants, who had been thrusted so violently that each had dropped half-stunned to the floor.

The door clicked behind them. Alone in the shop the burly young man stuffed gold watches, gold cigarette-cases, a handful of blindingly-jewelled rings, into his pockets.

### He made crime history

The jeweller and his assistants began to pound at the flimsy wooden door.

The visitor hesitated—then slid the gun lovingly inside his jacket, strode into the bright September noonday of Oxford Street, where the world hurried to its lunch.

Nobody stopped him, nobody even glanced at him.

So in that first week of September, 1932, Rudolph Franklyn made criminal history. He became the first armed robber to hold up a West End jeweller's shop in broad daylight and walk away unscathed with a fortune in his pocket.

Further down Oxford Street an old match-seller plucked at his jacket-sleeve. "Buy a box of matches, sir?" Rudolph Franklyn spat a foreign obscenity at him, hustled on towards Marble Arch.

Rudolph Franklyn believed in guns as other men believe in prayer. During the first World War he had been a morose lad of 33."

And that was his undoing. For he did not realise there were two worlds in Oxford Street. Firstly, the normal throng and jostle of passers-by and traffic. Then, like wick through a candle, an inner population of gutter musicians, beggars, kerb salesmen. They fade at the approach of uniformed constables—the "Button Mob" they call them.

But when the Law has tramped majestically past, these gold-diggers, crooks and run-outs scuttle in the constabulary wake like foam behind a ship.

They live on the fringe of the underworld. They are quick of eye, alert as monkeys. But they can be good-hearted. I would not describe them as the worst of London's citizens. They would not shirk a gunman.

So I walked softly into a little group surrounding "Empty Kettle Charlie," who held aloft a glittering watch and bawled: "There you are, ladies and gentlemen! He dares it invitingly. "Who's the lucky person to buy one? I will set this watch by Seftridge's clock here, and if it has lost or gained one second by this time tomorrow, I will pay £3 to charity!"

George had the first clue.

His assistant "Jimmy the Gee," who was mingling with the crowd, called: "Look here, my man! I'll have one!" I laid a solid hand upon the smooth black cloth of Jimmy's morning-coat and murmured: "Don't be too rash, Jimmy."

I understand those watches have no works in them." He turned and blushed. "Oh, hello, guy."

"nor," he said sadly.

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## Peril grows in Malaya

By Lachie McDonald

these people would give the frankest views which, for a variety of reasons, they hesitate to give to correspondents for publication over their names.

### Compromise fear

The situation in Malaya is too serious for a Minister to bury his head in political "ambiguities"; that kind of thing can only mean more blood to bury in Malaya.

Mr. Dugdale, Minister of State for the Colonies, to Commons questions about increased terrorist activity, and his talk of "final requirements of the military" in Malaya.

Mr. Dugdale, it seems, "saw no reason to connect the incensed terrorist activity in Malaya with the British recognition" of Red China; "also, there is no connection between Chinese Communism and banditry in Malaya."

His other statement, as received in Kuala Lumpur, was that the British Government was satisfied that the dispatch of Gurkhas from Hong Kong and aircraft from Britain would be the final requirements.

The British cannot hope to win back the confidence of the bulk of the Chinese in Malaya with obvious half-truths—so give Dugdale's replies a most charitable label. And without this Chinese support we cannot win in Malaya.

The Chinese have been confused and uncertain ever since Britain recognised Red China; how they are even more jittery about Britain's intentions.

The fear some compromise likely to leave them to the revenge of the Chinese Communists now in the jungle, who certainly will govern by the gun if we weaken or withdraw.

Leaders of all races in Malaya give this pro-British advice:

(1) Mr. Attlee should make an early and firm statement that Britain is fully aware of the Communist affiliations in South East Asia and the Far East.

(2) That despite this, Britain is determined to remain in the Malayan Peninsula in the present partnership with the Malay States for at least 20 years (which is the period that Malaya and Chinese leaders say privately is required before Malaya can govern itself).

### Misleading words

It may be expedient politically to keep the British public in the dark, but London cannot expect Asians on the spot (in more ways than one) to swallow words like "misrepresentation" of the Malayan situation.

Mr. Dugdale should be challenged to seek, then to publish, in full to the Commons, the documents on his above statements obtainable from such a mixed bag of Malayan opinion as:

Malcolm Macdonald, Commissioner-General for South-East Asia; Sir Henry Gurney, High Commissioner of the Federation of Malaya; E. D. Shearn, the lawyer-president of the Malayan Association; H. Factor, of the United Planting Association of Malaya; D. T. Waring, one of the tin-mining leaders; and Khoo Tek Ee, a prominent Chinese already decorated by Britain's Socialist Government.

He stated: "Cops, eh? I thought you said you were friends of us!" But he did as we asked.

There was a moment's pause, a scuffling. A deep voice growled: "Just a blasted minute, can't you?" Then the door was flung open and a big powerfully-built man stood tousled with sleep. We grabbed him. Under his pillow was a beautifully-kept automatic pistol, with a silencer screwed to its short muzzle.

Franklyn was found guilty at the Old Bailey of armed robbery. Before he was sentenced, he said: "The ancient Britons plundered when they were poor and hungry. It's a matter of Nature. What else can a man do? You can't beg in the streets if you have pride!"

He was delivering his jungle code.

The judge, the late Sir Ernest Wild, gave him the answer of civilization:

"The savagery of our ancestors is no excuse for savage conduct today. Theft is not the alternative to starvation. A man too proud to beg should be too proud to steal."

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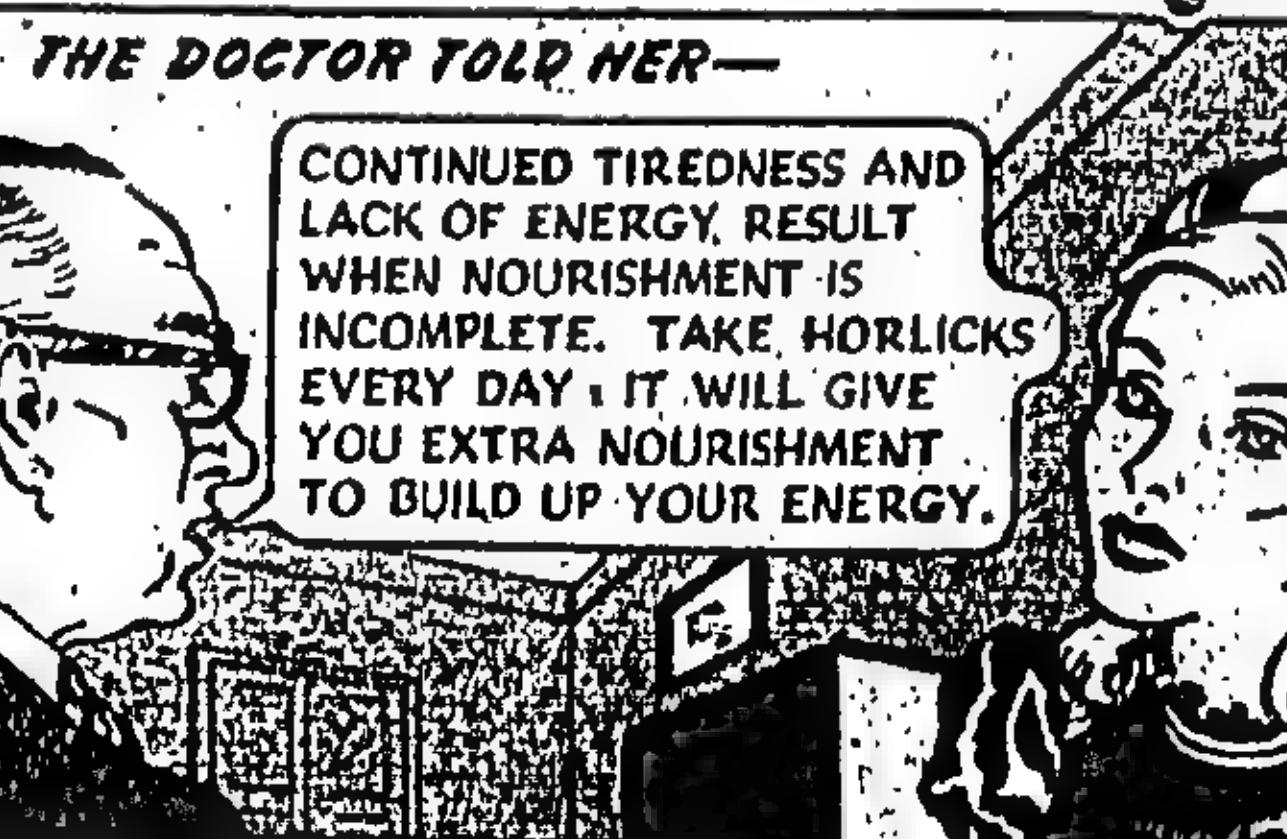
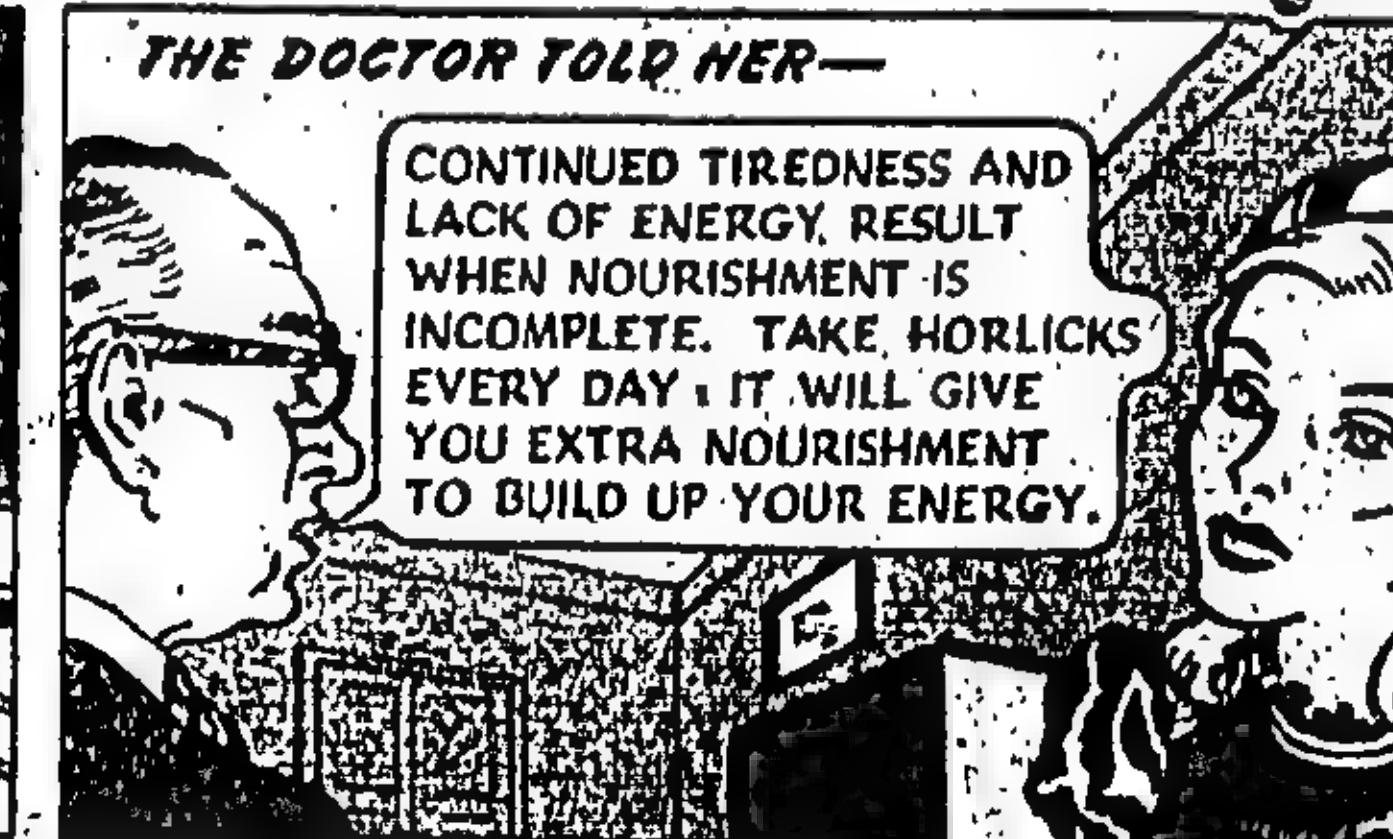
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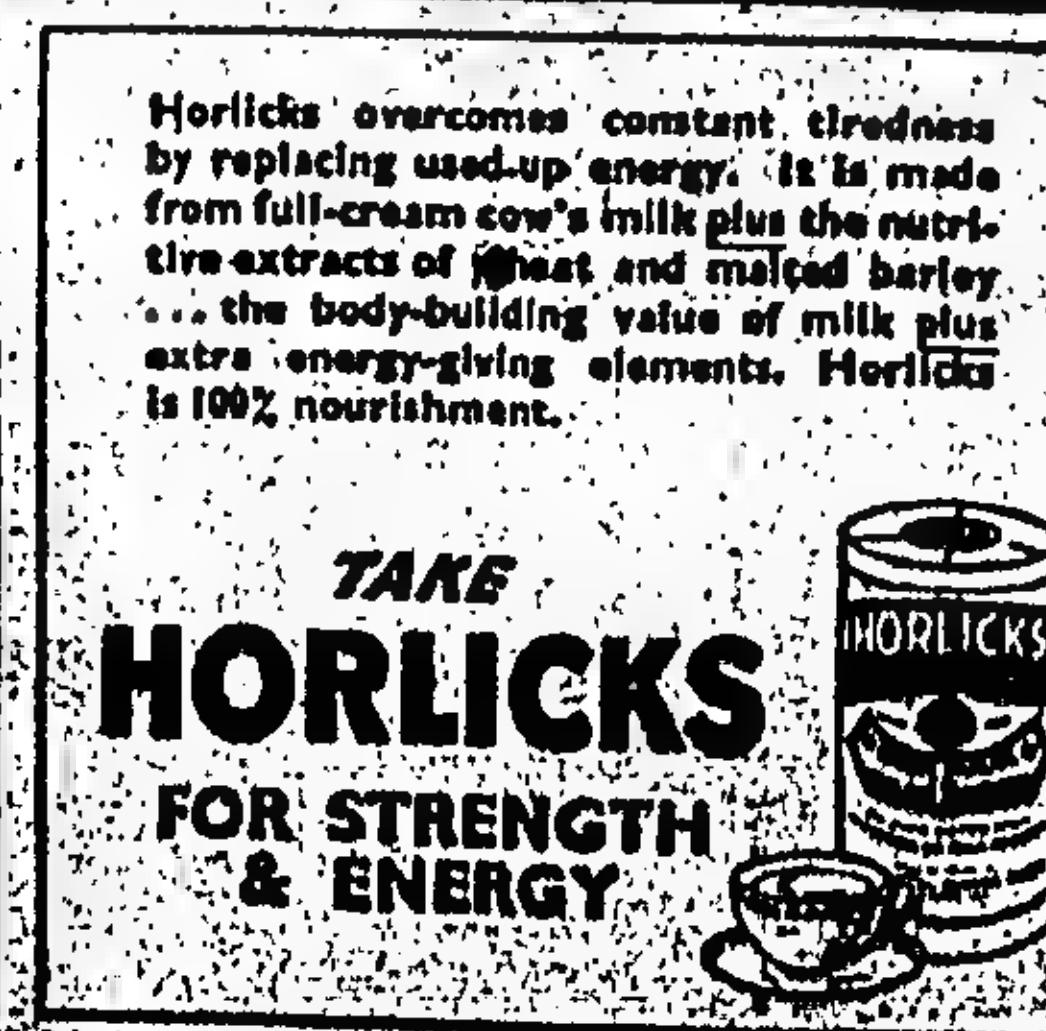
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## Rain-makers

A dejected group of tired scientists wrapped themselves more tightly in their sopping rain-coats, climbed back into their cars, set the wind-shield wipers back and forth, and started off to look for another place where they might be able to make rain.

The drenched men had already rejected four possible sites in a week-long tour of the Catskill Mountains, some hundred miles to the North West of the drenched city of New York. And they had to have a field headquarters, a control point, so they said, or else they wouldn't be able to tell the difference between the rain they were going to make and the rain that was drenching them anyway.

### The mayor's plan

Mayor William O'Dwyer, fresh from his St. Patrick's Day celebration, was going ahead with his plans to end New York's present water shortage, and to avoid future water shortages, by making rain of his own. In the city where nothing is alleged to be impossible, and where nothing succeeds like high costs, the burly ex policeman from Bohola, Co Mayo, had talked his budget directors into providing the sum of £17,000 for "scientific rain-making research."

Nobel Prizewinner Dr. Irving Langmuir had been consulted. A Dr. Wallace Howell had been appointed Rainmaker-in-Chief, and the whole idea was optimistically christened "Operation Cloudburst."

The idea itself was an old one. Pellets of dry ice would be dropped into billowing, deep, cumulus-type clouds, whereupon obliging rain showers would promptly fill the anxious reservoirs below.

### New attraction

As such, the idea had been tried in all five continents of the world.

But the £17,000 Big Budget was an altogether new attraction. Scientists and meteorologists of a dozen races, nationalities, religions, universities and political affiliations made a concerted rush to get into the act. Squads of keen young men applied for the £35-a-week job of Assistant Rainmaker-in-Chief alone.

For months, door-to-door communiques entitled "The Water Situation" had squeezed their way on to one corner or the other of the front pages. These listed the amount, in millions of gallons, of water remaining in the city's reservoirs. Happily, city editors run story after story detailing the progress of Dr. Howell's pilgrims, and any old scientist who had ever flown a cranky old plane to upend pellets into clouds was automatically the main human interest news of the day.

Quick to see a chance of publicity, the United States Air Force issued a communiqué of its own. "The United States Air Force," it announced, "will co-operate to the fullest extent of available facilities." It later transpired that these facilities did not include planes, so a couple of city police aircraft were detailed for the job.

When it heard the Air Force had beaten it away from the post, the U.S. Navy said it would attach "an expert" to watch the experiment. And, finally, the Air Force decided to send radar equipment, through which scientist ground crews could relate the position of the dropping aircraft to the natural and the man-made showers.

Actually, Mayor O'Dwyer and his assistants at City Hall have been spending far more time on long-range municipal expansion than they have on rainmaking.

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### None for us

Things became even more complicated over the weekend when upstate farmers charged that O'Dwyer was trying to take their rain away from them.

"If the city's planes unload all the rain from our clouds on their reservoirs we won't have any for our fields," they said to effect.

Spurred by farmers' traditional hatred of New York City and undeterred by the fact that they were raising the subject of the final ownership of the clouds, lawyers served O'Dwyer with papers demanding that he should show cause why the city's experiments should not be forbidden.

O'Dwyer's lawyer said that the city was short of water and would not be restrained.

Meanwhile, the downpour continued. Weather observers hadn't seen anything like it in months.

Faced with a classic music-hall situation, the undaunted Mayor went to the microphones to speak to the people. Meanwhile Mr. Carney, his water conservation chief, declared another dry day in which all good citizens were supposed not to shave or take a bath or drink a glass of water unless it was absolutely necessary. (The idea is to combat complacency.)

### Plans changed

But the Mayor remarked huffily that the reservoirs were only 33 per cent full, that something long-term had to be laid on however hard it was raining, and that, in any case, Dr. Howell was in charge of everything.

So the Mayor quickly turned back to his plans for welcoming the Lord Mayor of York, for un-

welcoming the Prime Minister of Northern Ireland, and for allotting bigger and better Budgets for things like schools and housing development.

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### Tactful silence

Asserting that adequate health facilities were the hallmark of a progressive community, O'Dwyer then calmly announced that more than \$50,000,000 would be spent on new and existing City hospitals.

But as far as the water shortage was concerned, the Mayor tactfully avoided all reference to his gallant Lieutenant up in the Catskills and proclaimed: "The most important weapon is a vigorous, unrelenting conservation effort... by the people of the city."

being paid for out of City, New York State and U.S. Government funds, and is complementary to the already large effort of private housing concerns.

### Names in lights

President Truman spent one morning of his Florida holiday with Lewis Carroll "the time has come," the walrus said, to talk of many things", then he calmly stamped on all rumour that he was replacing his brilliant, unpopular Secretary of State Dean Acheson by the "Mission to Moscow" man Chief Justice Fred Vinson.

Philip Jessup, scholarly U.S. Ambassador-at-Large, produced letters of testimony from Generals Eisenhower and Marshall to prove that he had always fought against Communism, then told a Congressional investigating committee that sneaky campaigns against so-called Reds in the State Department were danger to the country's foreign policy.

Archduke Otto says we are losing the Cold War.

Soviet Ambassador Panyushkin followed up his Press party by inviting 90 U.S. University students round for an evening's view of the latest Russian films. Later he allowed nine Russians to go to the University for beer and cakes.

General Lawton Collins and Admiral Forrest Sherman, Army and Navy Staff Chiefs, have approved yet another medal for their services. It will be awarded to service men and women who show outstanding characteristics in their basic military training.

Mrs. Anna O'Hare McCormick, distinguished columnist of the New York "Times," quotes "most European statesmen" as convinced that Europe's first capital will be at Strasbourg.

George Bernard Shaw is making more royalties on Broadway this season than ever before. The latest of his works is open.

Anton Karas the zither man, is still in a daze. The other evening Steve Bellows, the middleweight boxer, cornered him, told him firstly he was wonderful, then that he should take him on there and then. Karas grinned, said yes to everything Bellows said, then to everything Bellows said.

Meanwhile, Franz Dietrichmann is now billed at El Borracho night club as the world's greatest zither player.

Jean Crawford has been offered one of television's biggest-ever contracts. A women's clothing company wants to pay her £350,000 for a series of half-hour films.

Trygve Lie, the UN Secretary-General released a report that women were making great strides towards political and social prominence all over the world, then checked his own staff, found 180 key posts, 177 were

already held by men!

Meetings continue until late into the night. When one is convened, about eight o'clock, a tune with a dizzy repetition of set phrases is sung and the members rock their bodies to the rhythm.

The "shepherds" then begin to emit short, sharp sounds like the yapping of a dog, keeping time with movements of the body. This is called "trooping" and members claim that it encourages the semi-conscious state necessary for "communication with the spirits."

He is then supposed to be talking to the spirits, who do not speak English. This communion with the spirit world is accompanied by convulsive jerks of the body, ending in complete swoon which may last for several days.

A white visitor to one of these cult headquarters saw three women lying on the dirt floor of a small thatched hut. He was told that they had been there unconscious, for nearly three weeks, automatically swallowing whatever was put into their



"She doesn't look nearly as pretty as she did the time before last!"

## Voodoo in Jamaica

Women worshippers lying unconscious for three weeks and death-bed confessions of ritual murders of adults and children are common among the strange religious sects of the West Indies island of Jamaica.

Leaders of these sects are usually men who drift from the recognised denominations, who are not willing to submit to regular Church discipline, or have been found guilty of some moral offence.

In addition, a number of cults have been imported from the United States.

Ancient teachings have also left their mark. The African slaves brought their own ancestral beliefs. At the time of the American War with Great Britain, loyalist planters came to Jamaica from the Southern States, bringing negroes who had a smattering of Christian worship.

They set themselves up as leaders among the Jamaican slaves and established strong faiths.

Sometimes a report will appear in the Jamaican daily Press of the disappearance of a child. Sometimes there is an "obeah" (voodoo) trial which ends in a heavy fine or imprisonment. These events are often linked with revivalist cults.

English planters, in the days of slavery, did not teach their slaves formal religion, except as a means of quelling a plot led by some slave leader professing the power of "obeah."

It became necessary to enforce Christian rites to represent a Christian "obeah."

Ras. Tafari

One of the most recent cults is "Ras Tafari," which dates from the Italian invasion of Abyssinia. Its members do not shave or trim their hair, and seldom work since their bearded and unkempt appearance is not likely to impress prospective employers favourably.

Women who become active in this cult are called "mammies." The leader of this cult is called the "Governor," and his female assistant the "Governess." Meetings are usually held near a graveyard. The object is to "raise" a dead person, who will be called b, name.

At the initiation ceremony a new member is required to go to midnight to the grave of the spirit which is to be "raised" and bring back to the gathering a sprig of flowers.

Meanwhile, the congregation sings to the beat of tom-toms, the clapping of hands and the snap of bare feet on hard earth:

"A who for ball me, Lord?

"A who for ball me?

"A who for ball me?"

Hunter man come, ball me."

Frenzied dancing

The dancing becomes more and more frenzied and finally someone falls as if dead. This is considered a sign that the spirits have arrived and the collapsed person begins to talk "the unknown tongue." When the spirits depart he rises and repeats what the spirits have said.

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## Flying saucery report

Objects of the kind known as "flying saucers" were reported to have been seen winging their way over the small American town of Orangeburg, in South Carolina, on March 9 and 10.

The "Sunday Dispatch" decided to find out who exactly saw them, what they saw, and in what circumstances they saw them.

Many reports about flying saucers have appeared in newspapers in all parts of the world. Believing that many readers may think such reports have been exaggerated as they were passed from mouth to mouth, or by newspapermen with an eye to selling their stories to the world's press, the "Sunday Dispatch" decided to go right to the source: Orangeburg, S.C.

Here, then, is the account of the Orangeburg flying saucers, as told by a local paper, the "Times and Democrat," of Orangeburg.

The staff writers had nothing to gain by writing other than the strict facts related by witnesses. They knew what they wrote would be read by the people who had seen the flying saucers. The witnesses, similarly, knew their accounts would be compared one with another.

### 'No explanation'

On March 10, the "Times and Democrat" printed the following: "A 'flying saucer' made its way slowly across the Orangeburg sky yesterday and sank with the setting sun."

"The strange object was viewed by at least five persons who stood on Memorial Plaza and saw the bright-shining disc leaving a vapour trail high in the sky.

"Observers who saw the apparition could offer no explanation for it. It was hardly possible that it could be confused with a cloud, the moon, a weather balloon, or conventional or jet aircraft, they said."

"One of the first to see the 'saucer' was Mrs. Donald Law, who was walking near the Hotel Euclid. Carrying her small son, she ran to the office of the "Times and Democrat," where her husband is city editor.

"Four members of the newspaper staff, including publisher J. L. Sims, hurried to the corner of Church and Russell Street, where they saw the disc, then slowly sinking behind the Scoville building.

"At about the same time Harry Player, a member of the "Times and Democrat" composing room staff, saw the saucer as he and four others were returning from Columbia.

"Jimmy told his mother to look at the 'funny looking airplane.'

### 'Faint drone'

"An unidentified woman who was near-by stood with them and watched the object pass northward in the direction of Columbia. The object was larger than a commercial airliner, and seemed to emit a very faint drone as it passed," Mrs. Antley said.

"At about 10 last night a St. Matthews resident called the "Times and Democrat" to report seeing something looking like a full moon with tail on it passing over St. Matthews. He was

unable to estimate its altitude or speed, and no other reports were received.

"After learning of Thursday's incident, two members of the War Department's military intelligence service from Shaw Air Base at Sumter arrived in Orangeburg soon after 10 a.m. yesterday to interview newspapermen who saw the strange object floating in Western skies leaving a distinct vapour trail.

"Persons who saw the discs were questioned at length by the two military intelligence men, who were in turn questioned by the newspapermen.

"The two said they were unable to explain the phenomenon, and asked if it could have resulted from some aircraft or weapon designed by the armed forces, said they couldn't answer that."

"E. Stuart Gregg Jr., Reserve Corps jet pilot, with experience in many types of aircraft, said, after viewing descriptions of the object, that he believed it was a fragment of a plane's vapour trail which had broken away, retained its shape, and reflected sunlight."

### New aircraft?

Meanwhile, Columbia, 43 miles away, was not going to be outdone.

The "Columbia Record" reported on March 10:

"In Columbia Mrs. John C. Brown, of 305, North Trenholm Road, said she, her husband, and daughter saw the object while they were en route to Columbia from Dentsville. Mrs. Brown said the object appeared like a silver sunset, with a wide streak, a section like a fine thread, and another wide streak."

"Sam Oliver and Bob Gates, two residents of the Forest Hill area, also reported seeing the saucer. The pair said the disc appeared to be over the fair grounds at 6:15. They described it thus: 'The tall end was wide and narrowed down to a point.'

"I don't know how many miles long it was," Mr. Oliver said. "I thought it was a plane sky-writing, but it didn't move."

"R. T. Easterling, of 517, Deerwood-drive, a former Air Corps gunner, believed the object was a new type of aircraft. Easterling, who saw the vapour trail while en route to the city from the Lower Richland section, said he thought at first it was a jet plane exploding.

"However, he explained, it took 12 minutes to get out of sight. A jet would have gone much sooner, he said.

While he discarded the man from Mars' theories, Easterling said he definitely thought the disc was an aircraft, but was not one known to the public at this time.

"At Florence," reports the "Columbia Record," "Farmer J. W. Wallace saw a 'tremendous object' something like an aeroplane and followed by a long trail. It was the coolest-looking thing I ever saw," Wallace said.

"I called some of the helpers to watch so no one would think I'm crazy."

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**Between Ourselves****TRAVELLERS' BEAUTY KIT**

By Claudia

Whenever you travel, packing is one of the factors which help to make or mar the comfort and enjoyment of your journey. To be able to lay your hands quickly and easily on whatever item is required is an advantage which is well worth the forethought of a little planning in advance.

To make up your travelling beauty kit, you'll not only need to ransack the make-up box, but the bathroom cupboard and the first-aid cabinet as well—and by far the best way to pack your collection is in a special travelling case of their own.

Never stow away bottles and jars in the odd corners of cases and trunks, or between layers of clothing. You'll lose a lot of time—and patience—looking for them, and if there should be an accident, the havoc that one broken bottle can wreak is quite devastating!

Most of the leading makers of beauty preparations have their own beauty cases, but these hold only their own special sizes and shapes in jars and bottles, with very little room for extras, so, especially for a long journey, it is more convenient to fit up an empty case yourself... or use a fitted dressing case with plenty of pockets around the sides.

**Useful on journey**

Large bottles and jars which you buy for economy can be decanted into smaller sized ones more convenient for travelling. Then there will be several extra preparations which you do not normally use at home, but which will be very useful on the journey.

Those refreshing little cleaning pads, for instance, already impregnated with the lotion, really are a travellers' joy. They are sold in air-tight jars of 50 or 100, each pad to be used once, then thrown away.

Then, especially if you are going on a sea journey, you will need a special protective cream to guard against the sudden onslaught of sun and sea air. Whether you want to tan or not, you will need sun cream, either to help the sun toast you gently and evenly, or to provide a screen between your skin and the fierce rays.

**Skinfood supply**

A good supply of skinfood or night cream is essential. The skin is likely to become sun-dried or tired and will need extra lubrication. A small bottle of pure olive oil is a good standby too... you'll find that after a few days of fresh air and sun, the skin will simply lap it up! And if you are going by sea and will be washing your own and the family's "smalls," don't forget to include a bottle of hand lotion and a jar of rich hand cream to rub in at night.

Add cotton wool, face tissues and toilet water or cologne from your bathroom cupboard. Cologne in cold water will give you the most refreshing and stimulating sponge-down. Add too a bottle of tinted calamine lotion—just in case you get too much sun in spite of your precautions.

From the first-aid box, take adhesive plasters. There's often a rubbed heel or a blister caused by too much energetic shopping and sight-seeing at the ports of call, and from the medicine cabinet do not forget to take a jar of health salts for beauty's sake, too.

*Ann Temple***Eternal triangle**

My best pal has a flat of his own where I have always been able to drop in at any time—as he can into my home, where he is always welcome.

The other day I suddenly wanted a book I knew he had and dashed round to his place, and there they were—he and the girl I had been keen on—having tea together, very cosily.

What would have been my best manoeuvre? I must have done the wrong thing, for we are now all three awkward with one another.—BILL.

You fling the door open as usual and are about to dash forward—stop dead—show delighted surprise—go forward—greet the two—sit down—accept a cup of tea—great fun and very jolly—explain you want the book—make an early exit. All as natural as though it were an everyday habit.

What do you do? Burst in, LOOK—perplexed, mumble an apology, make an elephantic exit, and run like a hare?

Yes, I guess that was it.

My new job has brought me up against people in whose company I realize my education has been terribly sketchy.

I feel I have no grasp of anything. I cannot discuss, because I have no facts to go on.

What would be the quickest way of acquiring a wider and improved mentality? —OUTSIDER.

Just as a thorough knowledge of a second language makes it much easier to acquire a third and a fourth, so a thorough knowledge of one subject adds to the mind's potentialities to wider fields of knowledge. Select a subject in which you have al-

ready some interest and gets down to study. Go to your public library and discuss the selection of books with a librarian.

Then, if you are near an evening school, attend classes. Knowing one subject well gives a satisfactory sense of grasp and confidence. The mind becomes alert and picks up knowledge easily from all contacts.

How is it some find letter-writing so easy? I'm told I write a good letter, but I take anything from a month to two years to answer.

I am a busy housewife and mother but could find time. Yet the thought of answering letters in the numbers I owe at present depresses me beyond measure.—M.

I ought to know something about this! It's the weight of the "left undone" from whatever cause, that depresses Nothing to do with the ability or ease in writing.

Procrastination is your bogey. A sneaking little thief that steals your peace of mind. Your own desk, paper, pen, and ink at hand, a set time, help. But the will in the way—the only way.

Keep it very plain, and add your own touch of colour for a cocktail party or informal dance by making it a mesh of petticoats turquoise crope-de-chine.

For evening wear the dinner dress is a boon to the wearer, and often in fact better taste in these peculiar times. It must be elegant and simple! and is at its best with three-quarter sleeves, with neckline cut low and square at the front and high at the back.

Accessories

A clever accessory set for the dinner gown is a pair of contrasting stockings which can be clipped underneath the sleeve and a matching hat. You could

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**BEAUTY KIT****Plan a year's wardrobe**

"Plan your clothes for the year" is the advice of Peter Russell, one-time Army officer and rancher whose flair for designing beautiful clothes has made him one of London's Big Ten of Fashion.

He says that the basic wardrobe of the smart woman should contain:

A good top coat.

A simple dress and jacket of lightweight tweed for town or country.

A black fine wool afternoon dress, with a black top coat.

A print dress, and a dinner dress.

The top coat must be of a neutral shade. Stony beige is best, but be sure that there is no pink tinge. It must be of a 50-50 pink—small square—so that there is no disturbing pattern to quarrel with the press beneath.

**"Violet woman"**

Navy is not a good choice because it cannot be worn with black, and brilliant colours earn you such unwanted titles as "the woman in the violet coat."

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**Avoid temptation**

Not so, however, the country suit. In this the sleeves are looser, as is the jacket itself, to allow freer movement.

Avoid the temptation of an off-the-shoulder evening dress.

The woman who really looks smart in one is very much the exception, and the compromise of the transparency of double neck at the neck is much smarter.

So work out your clothes plan for 1950. But first take a searching look at yourself in the mirror. "Any girl with ordinary intelligence knows whether she is over-dressed or Jon the right track," declares Peter Russell, so choose carefully and cultivate a good dress sense!

**Summer shades**

For spring there is the black coat, with its dress to match. Choose your print with a slight touch of black to liven up with the coat. If you feel this is dark, select any attractive coloured print or a single-toned dress in any colour except green and brown.

**Green is veiled** because its only suitable shade is impossible—white black is bright emerald, a harsh and unbecoming combination. Best colours are pale, soft rose or yellow, or pale blue, all worn with a black belt.

Alternatively, if you are a "separates" enthusiast, you may prefer a black pleated silk skirt with a pair of coloured tops and a patent leather belt.

Your fine wool afternoon dress should be trimmed with grosgrain, or bengaline round the throat. You can team it with chunky white or turquoise beads.

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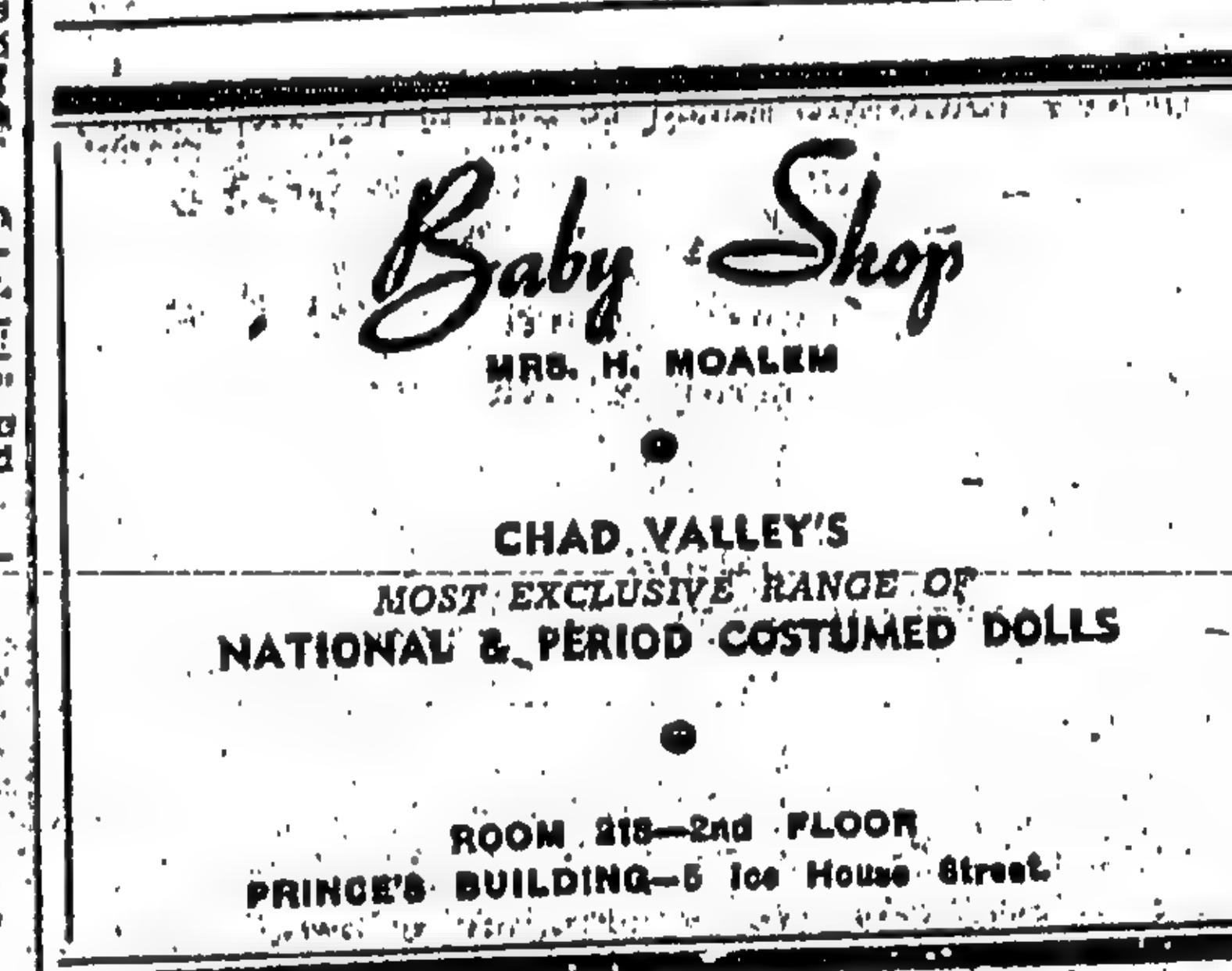


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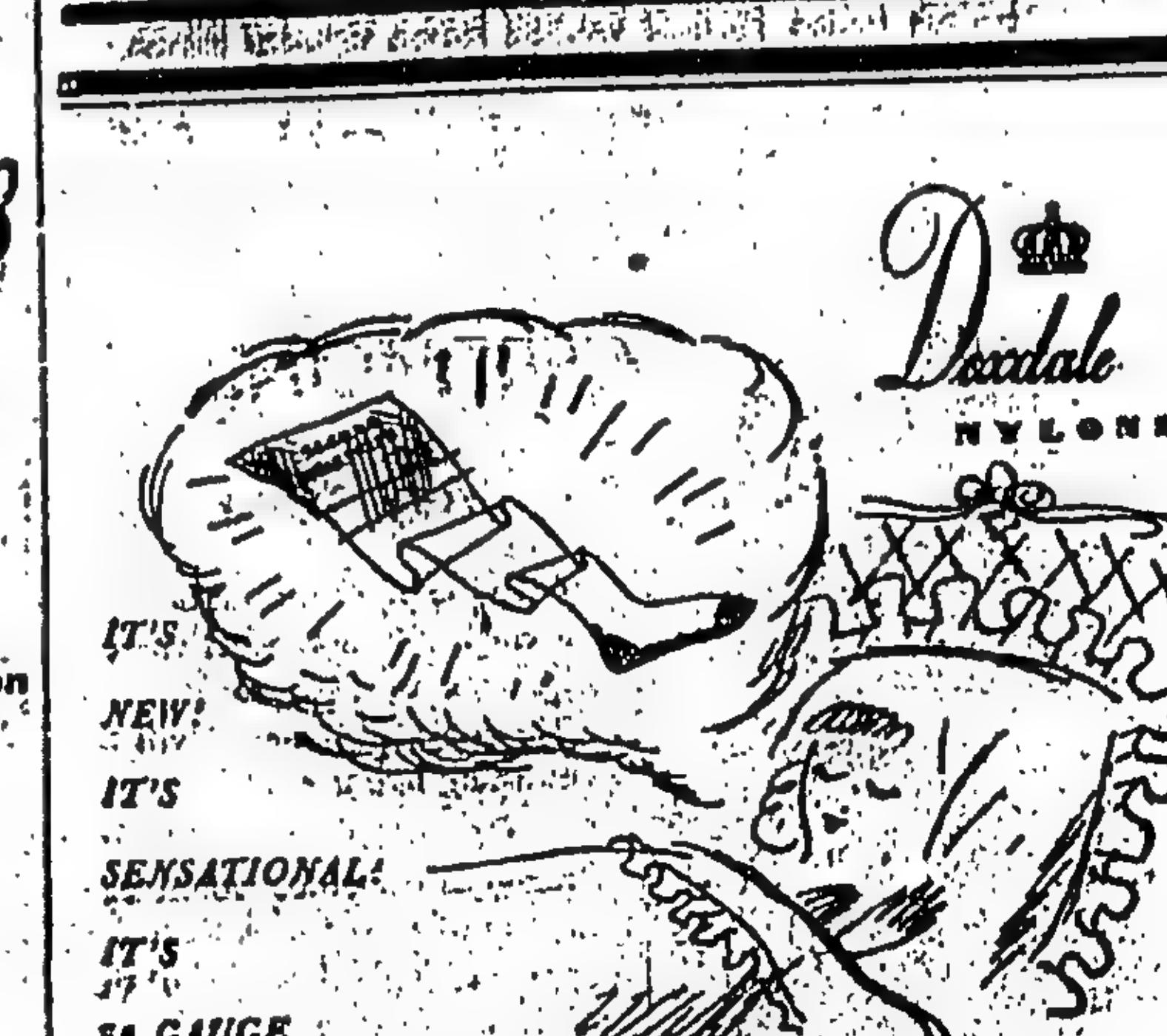
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## NZ easing restrictions on business

Auckland, April 7.  
The new Conservative regime in New Zealand is easing restrictions on private business.

The latest government move is to loosen regulations under which banks can make advances to customers.

Formerly all advances by trading banks to customers have been subject to the authority of the government's Reserve Bank.

The Prime Minister Mr. Sidney Holland has announced that in future there will be no restrictions on advances of up to 2,000 pounds for a period of less than two years.

The Prime Minister said in a statement this government move will eliminate a lot of form-filling and delays.

The government also promises to end its monopoly in workers' accident compensation insurance. The former Labour Party government took over all of this business, which is substantial, as workers insurance is compulsory.

Prime Minister Holland says the government monopoly will end as soon as necessary legislation can be passed.

The end of this state monopoly was a plank in the election policy of the present National Party government.—Associated Press.

### MALAYA IMPORTS OF SIAM RICE

Singapore, April 7.  
The Government of the Federation of Malaya and Singapore announce today that while continuing to import all rice for issue on ration they will permit commercial imports of certain qualities from Thailand with effect as from April 15, 1950.

These categories are: (1) One hundred per cent whole-grain; (2) "C" grades (C-1 and C-3 broken); (3) Infested rice; (4) Looseneat; (5) Glutinous rice.

Imports from Indo-China will be confined to cargo rice and damaged rice. Imports from Burma will not at present be permitted.

Re-export of commercially imported grades will be permitted subject to foreign exchange regulations.—Reuter.

### HAIFA HARBOUR

Haifa, April 7.  
Haifa's harbour output has been doubled and reached record figures during the past month thanks to increased labour efforts and newly arrived American equipment purchased under the \$100,000,000 loan of the Export-Import Bank to Israel. It was stated by the Port management today.

For the first time premiums were paid last month to port labourers for higher output. Construction works for enlarging Haifa Harbour are to begin shortly.—Associated Press.

### SINO-POLISH TRADE PACT

San Francisco, April 7.  
Peking Radio reported tonight that contracts for an exchange of goods were signed in Peking recently between the Ministries of Trade of China and Poland, following two months' discussions with a Polish trade mission headed by Mr. J. Stroczek.

A barter arrangement had also been made, the Radio said. It, however, gave no details of the goods involved.—Reuter.

### OIL DISPUTE

Washington, April 7.  
The Government has worked out new proposals in the Anglo-American oil controversy, which are expected to save dollars for

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## Japan hopes to increase exports by 50 per cent

Tokyo, April 8.  
Japan hopes to increase its exports in 1950 by 50 per cent over 1949 to \$800,000,000, a top Japanese trade official told the United Press. Ryuji Takeuchi, foreign trade administrator of the Ministry of International Trade and Industry, said he believed there was still considerable room for expansion of Japan's export trade which in 1949 totalled \$510,969,000.

He attributed a large part of this hope to what he called a natural momentum from increases shown since the end of the war when Japan had to start all over from scratch in the export trade.

Takeuchi pointed out that exports in 1949 were about double the 1948 figure of \$250,000,000, and it is "not too much to hope that there will be a 50 per cent increase in 1950 over 1949."

"We have been gradually selling to new areas and it is reasonable to presume that we will sell more goods in those areas," Takeuchi said.

He stressed, however, that Japan experiences difficulties in the promotion of trade because of a shortage of dollars and pound sterling. This is a factor which makes free trade difficult and Japan necessarily has to go in for barter agreements with respective countries—an arrangement which he said is not satisfactory in boosting the volume of Japan's exports.

### Japan overbuys

Takeuchi pointed out that a recent review by British SCAP and Japanese government officials of trade relations between the sterling area and Japan during the past year showed that Japan had overbought from the sterling area and the latter, this time, had a favourable balance with Japan.

Welcoming the forthcoming visit to Japan of the joint Anglo-American fact-finding Cotton Mission, Mr. Rhodes said it was expected this would go to Tokyo at the end of this month or the beginning of the next.—Reuter.

## Britain and Japan's industry

London, April 6.  
Britain cannot oppose the development of Japanese industry on other than strategic grounds, as the American taxpayer is having to meet Japan's foreign trade deficit of \$400,000,000 a year, Parliament was told today.

Mr. Hervey Rhodes, Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Trade, was answering the fears of Lancashire Members that the Lancashire cotton industry's future was menaced by competition from Japan with its low standards of living.

"There is no possibility from our point of view of imposing restrictions in Japan on the size of the Japanese export trade in cotton textiles," he added.

Japan, he said, must be allowed to achieve a reasonable standard of living.

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## JAP TEXTILES FOR AFRICA

Durban, April 7.  
Japanese textile goods worth £800,000 will begin to arrive in South Africa next month, it was announced today by Mr. K. Gama, first Japanese businessman to visit the Union since the war.

Mr. Gama, who is canvassing orders for a leading firm of exporters, said that consignments, including rayon piece-goods, spun rayon, printed cotton piece-goods and sating materials, would begin to arrive at the end of May.

"We want to work on a barter system—give and take," Mr. Gama added.

"We want your raw wool and hides with which to make shoes," Reuter.

## American asks Czech sanctuary

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India—The markets for Japanese textiles had dropped because India has come to produce a substantial amount of its needs. But Japan can supply India with machinery and techniques in the industrial field. Japan in return can buy raw cotton from India.

Thailand—Japan can supply Thailand with textiles and other manufactured goods while Japan needs that country's rice. Japan looks optimistically on expansion of trade with this country which has always been on a friendly basis with Japan.

Burma—Japan looks forward to trade expansion with this country which is a good market for Japanese textiles and machinery. Japan in return can buy rice.

Pakistan—Japan wants to sell textiles to Pakistan and buy Pakistan raw cotton—United Press.

Britain and keep foreign markets for American producers.

Congress was informed of this today by the Assistant Secretary of State, Mr. Willard Thorpe.—Reuter.

All broken, chafed and damaged goods are to be left in the godown, where they will be examined, in the presence of Messrs. Goddard and Douglas on April 11, 1950, at 10 a.m.

In the meantime, I welcome Czech hospitality."

When pressed further, Mr. Wheeler intimated that he did not intend to renounce his American citizenship.

Mrs. Wheeler said that during their whole married life of 21 years, she had always ranged herself on her husband's side in the argument, and again in this extremely important decision.

"I am with him," she declared. "Our decision today was not an easy one," she said. "We love our country and its people but for that very reason we cannot accept or reconcile ourselves to a hostile and aggressive policy such as our Government exhibits."

No fire insurance will be effected.

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## New York Stock Exchange

New York, April 6.  
The stock market pounded ahead for gains of fractions to around three points. At the close, the price level reached the crest of a rise that started back in mid-June and hit the highest level since August 1946. The market started pointing upward and never changed direction. Prices were at or just below the best of the day.

Chemical, radio television, steel and motor issues dominated the trading and scored the sharpest gains. Heavy trading accompanied the rise. Transfers 2,000,000 shares.

Good prospects for settlement of the Chrysler strike apparently touched off the buying wave. Some 688 issues advanced and 200 declined.

Among the gainers were Hayden Chemical, Columbia Gas American, Radiator, American Airlines, Curtiss Wright, Warner Brothers Pictures, American Cyanamid and Philco.

Dow Jones averages: Stocks 76.03; 20 Industrials 212.10; 15 Railroads 58.23; 10 Utilities 43.20.

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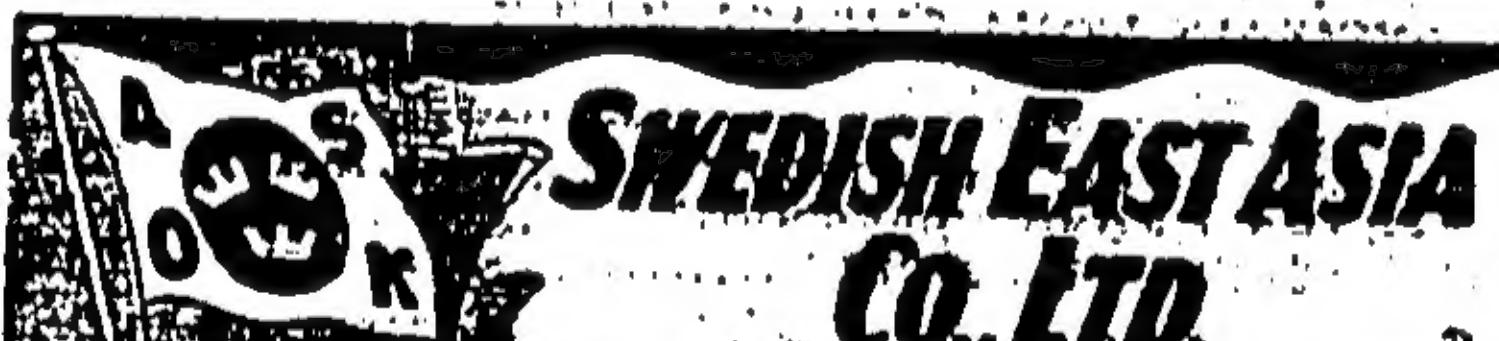
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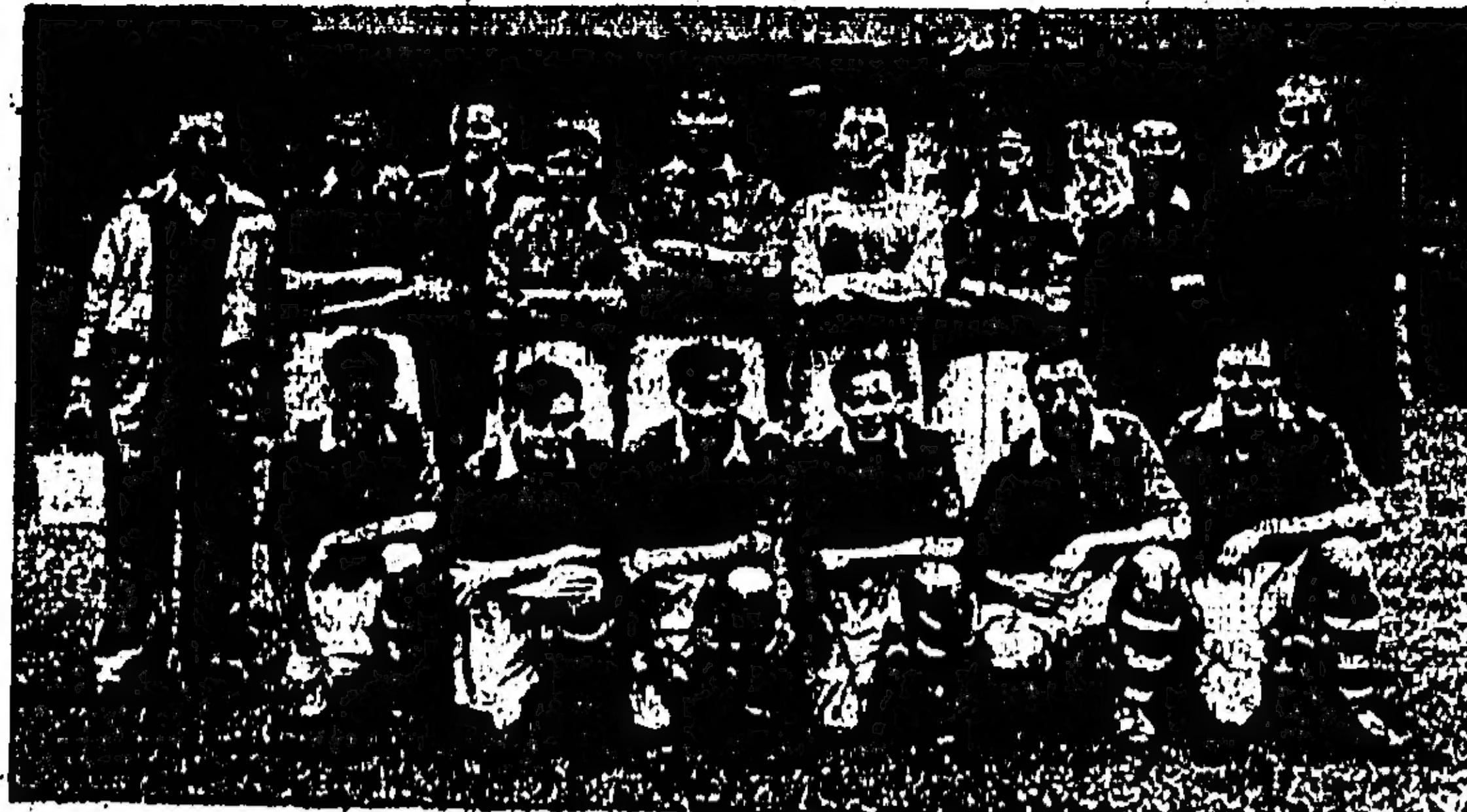


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## Junior Shield winners



The Army XI which beat the Commandos by three clear goals at Happy Valley yesterday to win the Junior Soccer Challenge Shield. ("China Mail" photo).

## Football in Spain

What is the most popular game in any Spanish school? The answer, one might imagine, would be some form of "bull-fighting." The truth of the matter, however, is that although "bull-fighting" games were indeed popular once-upon-a-time, the game of the moment is nothing more ambitious than straightforward football.

Whether it be the Senior School at games practice or the junior forms playing in the schools after school, there is always a leather ball at hand—and a goal-mouth somewhere near.

Footballs of all sizes from the regulation leather ones, to gaily coloured rubber ones, have completely taken the place of the once-popular wooden bulls' horns and make-believe matador caps.

At all hours, even by lamp-light, the streets of Spain are now blocked by would-be football stars. Accidents, as might be expected in a country just learning the art, are frequent and often extra police have to be called in to control a "street" game that has got out of hand.

Apart from the rough and ready street games, however, more "official" goal-posts can be seen on the outskirts of Madrid, Barcelona, Bilbao, Seville, and Valencia.

All of which testifies to the change which has come to the playgrounds of Don Quixote's country. Spain is in fact, going football crazy.

## AMPON WINS FIRST MATCH OF DAVIS CUP COMPETITION

Monte Carlo, April 7. Mrs. J. Walker-Smith, with a great victory over America's Miss Gertrude (Gussie) Moran, was one of three British players to qualify today for the semi-final round of the women's singles at the Monaco International Lawn Tennis tournament.

She beat Miss Moran 3-6, 6-3 and 6-4.

The others were Miss Joan Curry and Miss Jean Quartier, and while Miss Quartier won 10 straight sets of 6-2, 7-5 against Miss Jacqueline Soulen (France), Miss Curry was taken to three sets by Italy's Miss Hica Michel before winning by 6-3, 4-6 and 7-5.—Reuter.

## BILLY HOULESTON WITHDRAWS FROM SCOTTISH XI

Glasgow, April 6. Because of injury, Billy Houlestion, burly Queen of the South centre-forward, has withdrawn from the Scotland team to meet England at Hampden Park here next Saturday. His place will be taken by Bauld of Hearts, who led the Scottish League attack against the English League last month. It will be his first international "cap"—Reuter.

## Brabazon ready for long flight

Bristol, April 7. Britain's "Flying Hotel," the 120-ton Brabazon, which is designed to carry 100 passengers non-stop between London and New York in seven hours—has now completed all her major testing trials and is ready for long-distance flights.

Announcing this last night, Mr. Walter Gibb, former Royal Air Force ace and reserve pilot of the giant plane, said that the Brabazon would now make a flight over the Atlantic crossing before making her first overseas trip.

He told the British Engineering Manufacturers' Association that the giant airliner, which cost £2,000,000 to build, was "one of the safest planes and is able to fly perfectly normally on four of its eight engines."

Considered as Britain's luxury liner of the skies, the Brabazon took five years to build and made its first flight last September.

A "whole village" was demolished to make room for the giant aircraft, which is 100 ft. long, 100 ft. wide and 100 ft. high.

It is the largest aircraft ever built, but it had all day

## English cricket:

## Encouragement to young talent is order of the day

London, April 7.

The introduction of young blood is a necessity if English cricket is to produce a team capable of holding its own or beating the Australians in the near future.

It is an encouraging sign, therefore, to see that Middlesex and Yorkshire, joint winners of the County Championships last season, are setting an example by giving youth a chance.

When R. W. V. Robins consented to become Middlesex captain for the third time, he said that in 1950 the team would go through a rebuilding process and they might not finish higher than midway in the Championship table.

Though Test calls will deprive them of the services of Denis Compton and possibly others in one-third of their games, Middlesex will probably do better than Robins suggests.

Every effort is being made to find and encourage young talent, and more opportunities will probably be found for two all-rounders, R. Rouse and F. Titmus, who have become full-time Middlesex professionals.

Titmus made his debut last year at the age of 16. Yorkshire have a wealth of talent anxious to emulate the success last season of Brian Close, Frank Lowson and Trueman. The team will include only two players, Len Hutton and Norman Yardley, who appeared regularly before the war.

Lowson, who scored 1,779 runs in his first season, is expected to do even better this year as Hutton's opening partner.

Close, Hutton's opening partner, was at 18 the youngest player to achieve the thousand runs and hundred wickets "double," is in military service but may be available for some matches.

**Speed merchants**

England is sorely in need of good fast bowlers and the progress of many young speed merchants will be watched with interest in view of the winter tour to Australia at the end of the year.

Esson hope that Ken Preston, the fast bowler, after a season of rest and careful building up, will have fully recovered from the broken leg he suffered at the start of the 1948-49 winter season.

Worcester will be trying out 21-year-old John Flavel, and Glamorgan, County Champions in 1948, have a newcomer in H. K. Lewis, 21, a new ball bowler.

Some other Counties are embarking on long-term policies. Seven youngsters, all aged about 16, have joined the Nottinghamshire staff.

They are described as some of the most promising young cricketers seen in Nottinghamshire for many years.—Reuter.

## Americans beat Swedes

Monte Carlo, April 7. The Americans' Billy Talbert and Tony Sargent beat the Swedish pair Lennart Senegelin and Sven Davidsson in today's semi-finals of the Buller Doubles Trophy in the International Lawn Tennis Tournament here.

They won 6-0, 8-6, 6-2 and qualified to meet the semi-finalists Czechoslovakia's Dubrovsky and Vladimir Cernik in the final on Saturday.

In a three-hour semi-final Dubrovsky and Cernik beat the Italian Rolandio Del Bello and Mario Belardelli 6-7, 0-6, 6-4.

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Ferrier set back, at least temporarily, a great comeback dream of little Ben Hogan who had come in with a 68 that looked briefly as if it would put the bantam belter ahead.

Jimmy Demaret of Ojai, California, was a stroke behind Hogan. But Ferrier, the expatriate Australian who lives in San Francisco and has a reputation for profiting by his own mistakes on the course, was busy as a beaver on the back nine.

He had gone out in 33 and many of 4,000 spectators on the sweeping 9,000-yard Augusta national course, driven out to watch him after giving Hogan a tremendous ovation when the little man came in.

Big Jim, who came to this country in 1940 and won the Professional Golfers Association title in 1947, began warming up on the second green.

**Mixed bag**

He just missed a birdie when he failed to drop in on the 10th hole, but later won the open birdie and just had a day

## HOCKEY FIXTURES

The following are the Hong Kong Hockey Association fixtures for today, April 9, Tuesday, April 11, Wednesday, April 12 and Friday, April 14:

### TODAY

Navy v Dutch, RNRC No. 1, 11.30 a.m.; Umpires: Mr. Xavier and Mr. Guest. KTC v HKU, RNRC No. 2, 10.30 a.m.; Umpires: PO Brady and WO Smith. Army v Chand Tara, Sookkungpo, 11.15 a.m.; Umpires: Mr. Gurnell and CPO Mathewson. YMCA v Police, Shamshui Po, 10.30 a.m. (to play for four points); Umpires: RSM Scott and S/Cdr. Padley. RAF v Recreio "B", Kai Tak, 10.30 a.m.; Umpires: QMSI McCelland and Sgt. Maj. Hannan. Nomads v Pak, RNRC No. 1, 10.00 a.m.; Umpires: CYS Gater and RSM Scott.

### TUESDAY

KTC v Recreio "A", Recreio, 5.30 p.m.; Umpires: Mr. Stinko and WO Smith.

Army v Commando, Sookkungpo, 5.00 p.m.; Umpires: CYS Gater and Mr. Palmer.

**Softball:****Pakistan may withdraw from International against Portugal**

(By "GRANDSTAND")

Yesterdays light drizzle upset the softball fixtures as far as the Senior League Play-offs were concerned, but the Midgits played off their games with the usual enthusiasm.

Both the Braves and Jaguars had their teams on the field ready to play when Umpire Don Robbins declared the ground fit for play.

While the ground was being sprinkled with loose sand in some strategic spots in the in-

**TODAY'S SPORT****CRICKET**

IRC v Commandos at Sookunpo (First Division League), 1.45 p.m.

**GOLF**

Shanghai Visitors Cup, Old Course 9.10 a.m., New Course 9.10 a.m.

**SOCER**

First Division League: St. Joseph's v Kowloon Motor Bus at Happy Valley, 5 p.m.

Second Division League: RAF v University at Kai Tak, 5 p.m.; Police v Dockyard at Boundary Street, 5 p.m.; Kit Chee v Navy at Happy Valley, 3.30 p.m.

**LAWN BOWLS**

President's team v Mr. Atkinson's team at Kowloon Bowling Green Club, 3.30 p.m.

**SOFTBALL**

Men's Senior League Final Play-offs: Braves v Americans at CBA ground, King's Park, 2.30 p.m.

Inter-Hong Kong League: Shell v San Miguel at CBA ground, 4.30 p.m.; Caltex v Gibb Livingston at CBA ground, 1 p.m.

Ladies' Junior League: Clovers v Squaws at CBA ground, 4 p.m.

Midgits' League: Mohawks v Falcons, 10 a.m.; Lions v Azes, 11.30 a.m.; Blackhawks v Saints, 1 p.m.; Dodgers v Delawareans, 2.30 p.m.; Blackbirds v Bluebirds, 4 p.m.—all at Recreation ground.

**BASKETBALL**

Arellano v Hong Kong &amp; Kowloon Combined at Caroline Hill, 8 p.m.

**MONDAY'S SOCCER**

International Cup Final: HK Football Referees Association England v China, Sookunpo 4.30 p.m.; Referee: L.G. Young; Linesman: F.A. Barreto and A. Leek.

Duration of match 90 minutes. In the event of a draw the match will be replayed.

Second Division: PCA v Eastern, St. Joseph's 3.30 p.m.; Referee: A. Ribeiro.

St. Joseph's v CAA, St. Joseph's 3 p.m.; Referee: Tsang King-hong.

**COLONIST BEATEN IN SALISBURY SPRING HANDICAP**

Salisbury, Wiltshire, April 6. Mr. Winston Churchill and his family save his French-bred race horse, Colonist, beaten into fourth place in the Salisbury Spring Handicap, run over one mile, here today.

Colonist, winner of three of his six races since arriving in England, last summer, attempted to make all the running but was coloured a furlong from home, finishing fourth behind the 6 to 1 chance, Eulogy, owned by Mr. G. Cooper, a Portsmouth butcher.

Crystal Link, a 20 to 1 shot, won second, two lengths behind Eulogy, with the 0 to 4 favourite, Signalmann, half a length away third in a field of nine runners.

Colonist started second favourite at 7 to 2—Reuter.

**ORTIZ GIVEN PERMISSION TO FIGHT TOWEE**

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